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New cable won't provide local news

BY ED LEPOMA

There's a new cable franchise operating in Bay St. Louis, Waveland and parts of unincorporated Hancock County. But Pearlington still won't be able to tune in Channel 13 for local news on WLOX-TV.

This announcement that Florida-based Mediacom has taken over the franchise from

Cablevision and rates for basic service will rise nearly 24 percent came as a surprise this week to District 2 Supervisor Rocky Pullman.

Since taking office more than two years ago, the Pearlington resident has gotten supervisors to pass several resolutions asking Cablevision to bring the local news to his con-

stituents in the westernmost part of Hancock County that is near the Louisiana state line. Currently, cable subscribers receive only news reports from New Orleans-based television stations.

Pullman thought the new franchise was required to come before the Board of Supervisors before it could be assigned to

another firm, but that turned out not to be the case.

County attorney Gerald Cox said when supervisors let the franchise, then extended it in 1994 for another 10 years, it gave the franchise the right to assign the franchise to another firm without Board approval. A spokesman for Mediacom said the firm did appear before the

Bay St. Louis City Council and the Waveland Board of Aldermen for approval to take over Cablevision's operations.

Pullman said he was "displeased" to hear that Mediacom had no immediate plans to bring Channel 13 to his Pearlington constituents, and he

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Missing man still sought

BY ELLIS C. CURVAS

The Hancock County Sheriff's Department is continuing to seek the whereabouts of William (Billy) Burr, 44, who has been missing since March 23, 1991.

Hancock Chief Deputy Nathan Hoda said, "Burr, a resident of BaySide Park, was last seen at about 4 a.m. on March 23, 1991, after he dropped off two friends. His whereabouts

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Nereids parade to roll today

The Krewe of Nereids parade rolls today at 1 p.m. celebrating with the theme, "Wouldn't It Be Fun...!"

Starting at the Choctaw Plaza Shopping Center at the intersection of U.S. 90 and Hwy. 606 in Waveland, the parade travels east to Bouslog Street at the Bay St. Louis city limit. The parade makes a U-turn to follow U.S. 90 to the Choctaw Plaza Shopping Center at Waveland Avenue where the parade disbands.

Thousands are expected to line the route as King Nereus XXXII John Hutton "Chappy" Chapman salutes Queen Doris, whose identity is always kept

secret. Posters and cups designed by the celebrated artist Danny Frolich are the krewe's featured throws. Frolich's design this year surrounds the images of imagined fun: being lost in Candyland; soaring beyond the galaxy on the Starship Enterprise; dancing in a Tony Award-winning show, starring the Krewe of Nereids, in the Moulin Rouge.

The Krewe of Eros and Hancock follow the Nereids krewe for a total of almost 100 units in the parade. According to the Captain, the parade



King Nereus XXXII John H. "Chappy" Chapman

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Gavney acquitted

BY ED LEPOMA

The last five and a half months have been a nightmare for Willie Gavney, Hancock County's former building inspector and zoning enforcement officer.

But, after a two-day Circuit Court trial, it took only two hours of deliberation before a jury found him not guilty of charges he raped a 32-year-old Shoreline Park woman in his home in October, 1996.

Gavney, who started working for the county as a parttime building inspector in 1994, then was hired fulltime after supervisors passed a Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance, requested and was granted administrative leave without pay following his indictment Sept. 2. In his absence, supervisors have since hired Neil Smith fulltime to replace Gavney, so it will be up to them to decide, maybe at their recess meeting Tuesday, whether they will return him to his post.

Gavney told the Echo this week he was certain he would be vindicated of the charges, but the stress of recent months has taken its toll. The former retired Navy Seabee said he dropped 38 pounds while his

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Alexander reacts to PRCC realignment

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BY ED LEPOMA

Dr. Ted Alexander shakes his head and grits his teeth, reacting to questions he's heard before over the last 12 years.

Is his Pearl River Community College doing enough to attract students from Hancock County to its Poplarville campus? And, should there be a branch PRCC campus in the Bay-Waveland area or more night courses offered?

The Echo went to PRCC Feb. 3 to talk with Alexander in his office and to tour the campus. Also present for the interview were: Dr. James Sones, Dean of Vocational Technical Affairs; Dr. Wes Esty, Dean of Academics; and Larry Stanford, PRCC Director of Public Relations.

This time, Dr. Alexander is

reacting to a bill profiled in the current legislative session by Sen. Scottie Cuevas that would have Hancock County pull out of the PRCC service district and realign itself with the Gulf Coast network of Community Colleges.

Cuevas said the Education Committee of the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce asked him to sponsor the bill, but it also has the support of Alcan Cable, the Port and Harbor Commission, and county Adult Education leaders. So far, county supervisors have not jumped on the bandwagon because of many unanswered questions, including the county's continuing obligation to pay portions of PRCC's bonded indebtedness and maintenance costs.

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The pride of PRCC

Hancock County was among six counties in the Pearl River Community College District that contributed to funding the \$3.7 million Nursing Building and Wellness Center. The state-of-the-art facility, which took eight years to build, opened on the Poplarville campus last fall. (Photo courtesy PRCC Public Relations Department)

Waveland's second in command says policing more dangerous

BY NETSY GAGNET

She didn't dream of becoming a police officer as a little girl, but Sandra "Sam" Henley has nevertheless made her mark with the Waveland Police Department.

Henley has been with the department for 21 years, beginning as a dispatcher in 1977, after graduating in Criminal Justice with honors from the University of Southern Mississippi.

Today she serves as Assistant Chief to Chief of Police Jimmy Verhall.

Henley said the Criminal Justice program was a new program at USM when she was there, and the school actively recruited students to enroll. Six students from her dorm started the program, but only two completed it, she said.

Never having had any close contact with law enforcement, Henley said she was not something she dreamed of doing, but she got into it when she got into it.

"The only dealings I ever had with the police was when

Fred Bourgeois was the Waveland Town Marshall," she said. "And if you were speeding down Coleman Avenue he'd wave at you and tell you to slow down."

Henley said the department has come a long way since she first began in 1977, when Johnny Longo was Mayor of Waveland and Donald Dorn was Chief of Police.

There was one office for the department with three desks in



Waveland's Assistant Chief Sandra Henley and Waveland Mayor Jimmy Verhall

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Wed	5:04 p.	3:58 a.
Thurs	5:40 p.	4:39 p.
Fri	6:12 p.	5:15 p.
Sat	7:22 p.	6:20 p.

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ABBE GREGORY
WILLIAM HODGINS III
MARY JOHNSTON
WANDA PEARSON
BERTHA G. SCHWARTZ
MARY C. STIMLER
EDGAR WILLIAMS

DENNY D. DENNIS
 Denny D. Dennis, 65, of Bay St. Louis, died Thursday, Feb. 12, 1998, in Gulfport.

Mr. Dennis was in retail management. He was a native of Corpus Christi, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lifus and Lela Miller Dennis.

Survivors include his wife, Pat Dennis of Bay St. Louis; a son, Michael Dennis of Bay City, Texas; a daughter, Debra Rajoppi of Corpus Christi, Texas; two sisters, Rosalie Peters of San Antonio, Texas and Jenne Fowler of Webster, Texas.

Services will be private. Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

THOMAS B. GILLAM JR.
 Thomas B. Gillam Jr., 69, of Bay St. Louis, died Monday, Feb. 9, 1998, in Gulfport.

Mr. Gillam was a native of Gadsden, Ala., and a member of the VFW Post 3253 in Bay St. Louis. He was a Navy veteran of the Korean War.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas B. Gillam Sr. and Bess Ruth Steele Gillam; and a son, Keith David Gillam.

He is survived by his wife, Elaine Kulcher Gillam of Bay St. Louis; a daughter, Stacy G. Chazov of Bay St. Louis; one sister, Betty G. Black of Gadsden and one grandchild.

A graveside service is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 17, at Biloxi National Cemetery.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of the arrangements.

ABBE GREGORY
 Abbie Gregory, 102, of Diamondhead, died Wednesday, Feb. 11, 1998 in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Gregory was a native of Atchison County, Missouri. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold T. Gregory; her parents, James T. and Ellen Hodgin Brugh; four sisters, Nellie Brugh, Minnie Brugh, Emma Freed and Bessie Brugh; and a grandson, Warren Neal Gregory.

Survivors include four sons, Jack G. Gregory of Rainsville, Ala., Wilbur R. Gregory of Portland, Oregon, Roy E. Gregory and James R. Gregory of St. Joseph, Mo.; two daughters, Edith M. Holder of Lakeland, Fla. and Thelma L. Hopkins of Diamondhead; and six grandchildren.

Visitation will be today, 4-6 p.m. at Heaton-Bowman-Smith Chapel in St. Joseph, Mo. Burial will be Monday, Feb. 16 at 11 a.m. in Memorial Park Cemetery in St. Joseph.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of local arrangements. The family prefers memorials to the Diamondhead SPCA, 7310 Alu Court, Diamondhead, MS 39525-3903.

WILLIAM HODGINS III
 William "Bill" Hodgins III, 70, of Bay St. Louis, died Tuesday, Feb. 10, 1998, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Hodgins was a retired salesman for a pharmaceutical

company. He was a native of New Orleans and a member of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley H. Hodgins; his parents, William Jr. and Elizabeth Drummond Hodgins.

Survivors include his daughter, Kathleen Funch of Bay St. Louis; a sister, Mary Hodgins of Bay St. Louis; and five granddaughters. Visitation was Friday evening at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. Services were conducted Saturday at the funeral home chapel. Burial was in Gulf Coast Memorial Mausoleum.

MARY JOHNSTON
 Mary Johnston, 49, of Bay St. Louis, died Monday, Feb. 9, 1998, in Gulfport.

Mrs. Johnston was a school cafeteria cook. She was a native of Bay St. Louis and a member of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her father, Walter Yarborough; and a brother, Jeff Yarborough.

Survivors include her husband, Richard Johnston Jr. of Bay St. Louis; two sons, Richard C. "Ricki" Johnston and Donald P. Johnston, both of Bay St. Louis; a daughter, Angela Johnston of Palm Bay, Fla.; her mother, Lois Yarborough of Waveland; two brothers, David Yarborough of Long Beach and Walter Yarborough of d'Iberville; four sisters, Paulette Shiyov and Bonnie LaFontaine, both of Bay St. Louis, Brenda Schaffer of Norwalk, Ohio and Ellen Johnston of Clarksdale, Miss.; and three grandchildren.

Visitation was Wednesday at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. Services were conducted Thursday at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis. Burial was in Cedar Rest Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of arrangements.

WANDA PEARSON
 Wanda Jean Ladner Pearson, 51, of Nacaise Crossing, died Wednesday, Feb. 11, 1998 in Gulfport.

Mrs. Pearson was a native of Hancock County and a factory worker for Ford Motor Industries. She was a member of St. Matthew Catholic Church in Nacaise Crossing.

Survivors include her husband, Francis W. Pearson; and a son, Clifton Francis Pearson, both of Nacaise Crossing. Visitation was Friday at St. Matthew Catholic Church in Nacaise Crossing. Services were conducted Saturday at the church, followed by burial in Nacaise Crossing Cemetery.

McDonald Funeral Home in Picayune was in charge of arrangements.

BERTHA G. SCHWARTZ
 Bertha G. Schwartz, 84, of Clermont Harbor, died Saturday, Feb. 14, 1998, in Bay St. Louis.

Card of Thanks

On behalf of myself and my wife Judith, I want to thank county leaders and friends for their support during recent months. Your loyalty and concern was a source of inspiration to me and my family.

Willie Gavney

She was a native of Orange, Tex., and a member of the New Orleans area with a membership in the Orange County Chapter of the American Legion. She was a member of the Orange County Chapter of the American Legion. She was a member of the Orange County Chapter of the American Legion.

Survivors include her husband, Charles "Manie" Schwartz Jr. of Clermont Harbor; and son, Dr. E. Ward Suderth of Marrero, La.; one daughter, Antoinette G. Breaud of Metairie, La.; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Sunday from 7-10 p.m. at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. Recitation of the rosary is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

A procession will leave the funeral home at 10:30 a.m. Monday and proceed to St. Ann for Mass at 11 a.m. Burial will follow in Bayou Caddy Cemetery.

MARY C. STIMLER
 Mary C. Stimler, 82, of Bay St. Louis, died Monday, Feb. 9, 1998, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Stimler was a native of Cumberland, Md., and was a retired Civilian Personnel Specialist with the Department of Army. She was a member of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church, the Mississippi Gulf Coast Bowling Association, NARFE and AARP.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Stimler; her parents, David and Cecelia Feidt Cook; a son, Richard Stimler; and half-brother, William Haren.

Survivors include a son, Robert Stimler of LaMirada, Calif.; a daughter, Elizabeth Puffer of Spencerport, N.Y.; a sister, Ruth Geary of Cumberland; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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EDGAR WILLIAMS
 Edgar Wilford Williams, 74, of Waveland, died Wednesday, Feb. 11, 1998, in Waveland.

Mr. Williams was a commercial fisherman. He was a native of New Orleans and a member of St. Clare Catholic Church in Waveland.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Wilford and Ophelia Birdian Williams; a daughter, Joyce Garcia; a brother, Johnny Williams; and two sisters, Mable Minko and Mildred Taster.

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Keesler named one of six Subvention test sites

BY KELLY C. CURVAN
Keesler Air Force Base Medical Center in Hattiesburg was chosen Thursday by the Department of Defense (DoD) as one of six test sites for the Medicare Subvention Demonstration Project. Announcements were made in news releases by U.S. Senator Trent Lott and U.S. Congressman Gene Taylor.

Senator Lott said, "Keesler is a perfect choice to serve as one of the demonstration sites for the Medicare Subvention project. I have been working for over three years to bring this project to our state and am pleased that Mississippi's military retirees will soon have the opportunity to participate."

Congressman Taylor said, "Although I am pleased that Keesler has been chosen as one of the sites for the Demonstration Project, I am not satisfied because the test will not be extended to all military retirees and their spouses who need medical services. The test should be extended to include all military retirees and their spouses who have been turned away from space-available care at Keesler."

Taylor said that he was disappointed with plans to allow 1/3 to 1/4 of the eligible military retirees to participate in the test. "Meaning 3/4 of the military retirees who are 65 or older will likely not be allowed to participate."

The demonstration project will allow Medicare-eligible military retirees to either enroll in the DoD's TRICARE managed care program, or to continue using military facilities for individual procedures on a space-available basis. The demonstration is slated to include 12,000 military retirees nationwide and has an estimated cost of \$100 million over its three-year life.

Under the subvention demonstration, DoD Health Affairs will be reimbursed at a rate of 95 percent of the average adjusted per capita cost for Medicare for retirees who enroll in the managed care program. For beneficiaries who choose not to enroll in the managed care portion of the demonstration, DoD Health Affairs would be reimbursed at a rate of 95 percent of the local fee-schedule equivalent for individual medi-

cal procedures covered by Medicare. Participants must be enrolled in Medicare Program B.

Lott said, "Medicare Subvention is an important quality of life issue for the retired military community. It will provide our military retirees the opportunity to use the military medical system to which they have been accustomed for their health care. This program will also enable our country to keep its promise of life-long military health care for military retirees."

Taylor pledges to work to see that the Demonstration program is open to all eligible retirees and their dependents. He also pledges to continue the fight for full nationwide implementation of Medicare Subvention.

Taylor said that Medicare Subvention "remains one of his highest priorities" in Congress to ensure that our nation keeps its promise of a lifetime of healthcare to those who chose military service as a career. "I pledge to continue to fight for Medicare Subvention to that no one is left out."

PRCC poised for 21st Century

BY ED LEPOMA
Pearl River Community College in Poplarville has invested about \$17 million in its physical plant since 1988, and Public Relations Director Larry Stanford said the college is poised to step into the 21st century.

"Our goal back in the 1980's was to concentrate on providing the best educational facilities possible for the citizens of Forrest, Hancock, Jefferson Davis, Lamar, Marion and Pearl River counties," said Stanford.

PRCC Business Manager Ron Holmes admitted, "It has not been easy to stay on track. But, I believe the accomplishments of this decade will transcend well into the future. Students are now enjoying and reaping the benefits of our efforts."

In 1988, Pearl River County supervisors were the first to step to the plate to help fund one-half or \$1 million for a 44,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art Technology Center.

Hancock, Jefferson Davis and Marion counties followed quickly in 1989 by assisting to fund a share of a very progressive \$3.2 million project, which resulted in doubling the size of the college's sciences facility and modern mathematics and computer complex. In the same package, were construction of two resident halls and renovation to existing Lamar and Marion Halls on campus.

"Our philosophy is simple," said Stanford. "The students and citizens of our district come first, and we don't go outside our district lines. We are focused completely and entirely on serving our folks."

Stanford said the Forrest County Board of Supervisors saw a need to train future students interested in the growing health care industry, and decided to fund an Allied Health Center in that area. The

growth at the Allied Health Center, which started with 38,000 square feet, grew so quickly that Forrest County supported a \$500,000, 5,000-square-foot addition to the center in 1996," said Stanford.

"What is so unique about the PRCC system, which covers an area stretching from Prentiss to Bay St. Louis, is that no matter where a student lives within the six-county area, all have the same access. Our students get the first chance, the first shot, at taking advantage of what PRCC has to offer."

Stanford said PRCC's master plan was to first address the classroom situation, then provide auxiliary services to provide a well-rounded program.

The college landed \$1.2 million in state bond funds to build a new cafeteria that has taken the place of a structure that was more than 70 years old. "Then, Lamar and Pearl River counties contributed to the renovation of the new mall-like, student-oriented renovation of Crosby Hall, which connects to the new cafeteria," said Stanford.

Crosby Hall now houses a comprehensive one-stop counseling center, college book store, grill, post office and security office right in the middle of campus.

Stanford said all six counties contributed to the \$3.7 million Nursing Building and Wellness Center, which opened only last fall. State bond money, along with private donations to PRCC, was used to complete the massive project, which took eight years to fund and build.

Bond money is also being used to fund renovation of the old student center into an administration complex, which will provide more space for the student affairs financial aid department, admission and records, as well as a new business,

academic, vocational-technical and president's offices, Stanford said.

The old administration building is being renovated to house the college's computer center. "We have been sitting on top of each other in those offices," said Stanford. "But, we waited on the building until we could first address classroom and direct student needs."

This past summer counties in the PRCC system assisted the college in \$600,000 worth of infrastructure improvements, which included updating the water system, a new water tank and sewer system.

"The infrastructure had to have our attention to accommodate future growth," said Holmes. "The improvements are something that will be adequate for 50 years. It's literally a step into the future."

The next step in a five-year modernization plan will be renovation of two resident halls in the center of campus, Stanford said.

Bond money in the amount of \$1.5 million has already been earmarked for the renovation of Pearl River and Huff Halls, and \$1.6 million in telecommunications technology improvements will be completed on the entire campus within a few months.

"No one will drag us into the twenty-first century," said Stanford. "We have been planning for a decade to take a giant step. We invite all our district citizens to join us. It's an exciting, progressive time."

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"A kind of music that has often been called the only art form to originate in the United States."

The World Book encyclopedia simply states what we read in any article on jazz. All other forms of music in the United States are plainly imports from Europe, Asia or Africa.

You may argue that jazz is an import from Africa. Not so. It's more accurate to say that its main influence stems from African rhythms, but only as one vital root. Jazz, the end product, was touched also by European and American music.

So, jazz is essentially a fine, delicious gumbo, composed of ingredients from many cultures

and various countries, yet completely unique in all the world of music.

"If you have to ask what jazz is, you won't understand it," and similar remarks are a complete turnoff. First of all, the statement is very inaccurate, reflecting, "If you have to ask what class is, you don't have it."

It sounds cute and "in," but is fairly dumb. There is nothing at all not even the theory of relativity, which we cannot grasp if we apply ourselves to it properly.

As a matter of fact, jazz is quite simple because it reflects how we should conduct our lives. For instance, while the soul of jazz is improvisation, it

begins with the structure of even, regular patterns which it then syncopates.

If that sounds complicated, it is not. Our lives need structure to begin with, just as jazz does. Our lives also need freedom to improvise, just as jazz does. Structure or improvisation alone brings mayhem into both music and life.

Listening to jazz is a great experience, but observing players at work/play is an exceedingly greater experience. Through their private lives sometimes contradict it, they conduct music the way we should conduct our lives.

Consider, for instance, how free-spirited the players are. While working with controlled

patterns, they can insert into those patterns whatever they are inspired to at any given moment. Our life itself would be full of flavor if we did this.

It is one thing to be free-spirited alone, but jazz musicians manage with the greatest of ease to be free-spirited in unison. In other words, they play against each other in a delightful struggle of melodies, harmonies and beats.

Clearly, for all their freedom of instant creation and movement, jazz players scrupulously avoid stepping on the toes of any fellow musician playing with her/him. Whatever they improvise or syncopate helps, never disturbs others.

This is likewise obvious in the courtesy they pay each other, doing their own solos, then stepping aside to let a fellow musician shine in the light of another instrument.

Our life is amazingly similar. Without some measure and evenness, our life would be chaos. Equally, without search, newness, creation and discovery, our life has no seasoning, no spice, no color, no vibrancy and little interest.

Jazz is one of the contributions offered us during Black History Month. One of its main roots is that powerful legacy of slaves in the United States: the negro spirituals. The cool of jazz came from the greatest cool of all, the Bible.

Yes, jazz mirrors what Jesus gave us: "I came that they might have life, and have it to the full." (John 10:10).

Thompson wants blacks addressed in settlement

JACKSON, Miss. (AP)—The fate of the national tobacco settlement could hinge on whether minority members of Congress support the deal, and U.S. Rep. Bennie Thompson says that may not happen.

Thompson, D-Miss., said members of the Congressional Black Caucus want the \$368.5 billion settlement to include smoking cessation and health programs aimed at minorities.

"We've said anything that does not specifically address minority health issues we will not support," Thompson said. "In its present form, we cannot pass the settlement."

Thompson said the minority caucuses could make or break the legislation, mustering between 60 to 75 votes. The Congressional Black Caucus has 39 votes in Congress. Other caucuses include American Indian, Hispanic and Asian.

Attorney General Mike Moore, lead negotiator for the national settlement proposal, on Friday said the concerns will be addressed.

"I think minorities will be taken care of in this. I made a commitment to Congressman Thompson. This tobacco settlement is for all Americans, black and white, Indians,

every nationality, every race," Moore said.

"Why were minority concerns not spelled out in the June 20 settlement proposal?"

"The tobacco settlement will deal with the harm tobacco causes proportionate to those populations that it affects," Moore said, "which means minority communities will receive cessation programs and counter-marketing and other programs designed to reduce the number of young minorities who are using the product at the same proportion their harm is being caused."

The Congressional Black Caucus in September endorsed the settlement proposal believing it would address minority concerns.

As for funding for the national settlement, Thompson said much of the proposed \$368.5 billion will come from poor smokers' pockets.

The tobacco industry is expected to pay \$10 billion of the settlement. Thompson said the remaining \$358 billion is proposed to be financed by a \$1.50-a-pack increase in cigarette costs.

"If you look at that per-pack increase, then, obviously, people on the lower economic end of the spectrum will pay pro-

portionally more to smoke than people who make more money," Thompson said.

American Indian and Alaskan native adults have the highest tobacco-use rates of any ethnic group in America—42.2 percent, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported in the July 12, 1996, Mortality and Morbidity Weekly Report. Black adults ranked second with 27.2 percent.

American Indians die twice as often from tobacco-related illness than other Americans, according to the American Indian Cancer Control Project. Lung cancer rates are highest among Alaskan natives, followed by black women, according to the American Cancer Society.

Internal documents released by the tobacco industry in recent months have shown minority populations were targets of cigarette advertising.

"They have data showing as far back as the '60s what was required to, at that point they said get 'Negroes,' more involved in smoking. And they were successful. The success of that means those groups had greater health problems than other groups that were not targeted," Thompson said.

Lawmakers bring protest to capitol

JACKSON, Miss. (AP)—Protests over minority hiring practices in the state's wildlife agency have come to the floor of the House and Senate.

Black lawmakers voted in small—but symbolic—numbers last week against bills dealing with wildlife issues.

The state Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks came under attack in January from U.S. Rep. Bennie Thompson, D-Miss., the NAACP and others for allegedly discriminating against blacks in employment. Thompson filed a complaint with federal officials and claimed a meeting with DWFP officials reached no resolution.

Department deputy director Bob Tyler insists "some progress is being made" at the agency. Tyler has said nearly a third of 96 new employees hired since July 1997 are black.

State Rep. Jim Evans, D-Jackson, said black legislators are not convinced of the progress. He said votes against the wildlife bills were to draw attention to the issue.

While blacks' opposition to the bills has not been enough to kill any legislation, Evans said it will build.

"I hope (DWFP executive director Sam) Polles and others don't misunderstand. If the protest is more serious than the 20 to 30 votes you have seen here, we're in for a real fight," Evans said.

The real fight starts when the appropriations process starts. We don't intend to have any (bills) to be spending money on wildlife issues.

Tyler said more talks are needed but blacks said nothing they heard makes them think the agency intends to do better in recruiting minorities.

The chairmen of the Senate and House wildlife committees said they are not taking offense at efforts by black lawmakers.

"I understand they have a point to make and this is one way of doing it," said Sen. Lynn Posey, D-Union Church, the Senate committee chairman.

Rep. Dick Livingston, D-Pulaski, the House chairman, said failures by DWFP to hire more minorities should not be totally blamed on Polles.

"This is something that has happened down through the years. I do think the black members of the House and Senate are trying to rectify something that has gone on for a long, long time," Livingston said.

Livingston said he expected DWFP to do more to hire minorities and in time progress will be made.

"With the work going on by both sides, I think progress will be made," he said.

One bill passed last week, but held over in the Senate on a procedural motion, would provide for alternative training sites for game wardens. Polles responded to a question that blacks have been hired as game wardens but not as applicants were needed.

Critics of DWFP contend only 10 game wardens out of about 500 are black.

Tyler said game warden positions are not a priority, but this

almost an insult because it is always a cook or janitor somebody to appease the (Legislative Black) caucus.

"We are talking about across-the-board representation of minorities and woman, and specifically in this case, blacks ... in this agency," he said.

Last month, four black game wardens filed grievances with DWFP, alleging they were denied promotions because of their race. DWFP officials have declined to discuss the individual grievances.

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Edna Vassalli



Henry Bearmann

Scowi royalty presented

The Krewe of Scowi presented its 1998 king and queen at their 18th ball. Theme was "Love Makes the World Go Round."

Her Royal Majesty is Mrs. Edna Vassalli. She is the wife of the late August M. Vassalli.

Vassalli is the mother of two daughters, Mrs. Malena Strong of Bay St. Louis and Mrs. Melanie Cameron of Gulfport. She has six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Vassalli is a member of Our Lady of the Gulf Parish, the RSVP League Bowling in Dia-

mondhead and volunteers her time at the Our Lady of the Gulf Flea Market in Bay St. Louis.

His Royal Majesty is Henry Bearmann of Clermont Harbor. He is retired from the Orleans Parish School Board after 27 years of service. He is a life member of the American Legion Post 77 of Waveland.

He is married to Betty Bearmann. They have five children, 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The ball was held Feb. 14 at the American Legion Home in Waveland.

1998 Mardi Gras parade schedule

Feb. 15: Krewe of Nereids Mardi Gras Parade

This all female organization stages one of the Coast's largest parades, attracting some 20,000 spectators each year. The Krewe of Eros and several other groups also participate in the parade which begins at 1 p.m. at Choctaw Plaza on Hwy. 90, Waveland. The parade travels down the east bound lanes to Bushlog Street where it reverses its course and heads west on Highway 90 to Waveland Avenue where it disbands. This is a family oriented event, featuring plenty of quality throws. Excellent viewing is available all along the route. For details: (228) 467-4134.

Feb. 16: Long Beach Carnival Association Parade

The Long Beach Carnival Association parade will start at 11 a.m. at the intersection of Highway 90 and Highway 1, Biloxi. The parade will travel south on Highway 1 to Highway 90, then west on Highway 90 to Highway 1, where it will end. For details: (228) 863-6370.

Feb. 20: Bay Catholic Parade

The Bay Catholic parade will start Friday, Feb. 20 at 12:30 p.m. at the school and travels Union Street, Beach Boulevard, down Court Street to Second Street and back to the school. Bay High and Stanislaus bands will participate. Parade marshals are members of the religious community. For details: call the school at 467-5158.

Feb. 21: Jackson County Carnival Association Mardi Gras Parade

Break out those gaudy, glittering costumes and join in the fun of this Mardi Gras celebration, which will begin at 1 p.m. at the War Memorial stadium on Tucker Street and follow Market Street, Jackson Avenue and Pascagoula Street in downtown Pascagoula. For details: (228) 497-3269 or 762-3391.

Feb. 21: Krewe of Diamondhead Parade

The parade begins at noon at the walking track on Golf Club Drive. It will proceed down the country road past the commercial area and will end at the Diamondhead Yacht Club, where the traditional "after parade" party will be held.

Feb. 21: Krewe of Gemini (day parade)

Considered among the best parades on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, this celebration is family oriented with plenty of floats, quality throws and bands galore. Don't miss it. Parade begins 2 p.m. on 19th Street and 25th Avenue, Gulfport. For details: (228) 832-8835.

Feb. 21: Picayune Mardi Gras Parade

The parade starts at 2 p.m. For information, call 798-3078.

Feb. 23: North Bay Mardi Gras Parade

The only Mardi Gras parade in the eastern section of Harrison County with 65 to 75 floats, marching groups, bands, in a 2 1/2 mile parade to celebrate Mardi Gras. Cups, doubloons, stuffed animals and beads are thrown. A family parade. Parade begins 2:30 p.m. at the St. Martin Library on Lemoyne Blvd. and will wind its way through the d'Iberville township. Sponsored by North Bay Mardi Gras Association. For details: (228) 896-6699.

Feb. 23: St. Paul's Carnival Association-Mardi Gras Parade

Parade begins at 2 p.m. at Davis and Handy Street, Pass Christian and travels down Scenic Drive to Highway 90. It then turns up Henderson Avenue to Second Street and winds its way to St. Paul Avenue where it disbands. The Pass parade is one of the Coast's biggest and most popular. Many families stake out the same spot year after year and host annual get-togethers, complete with barbeque grills, music and everything else needed for a day in the sun. And the sun always seems to shine on the Pass. In its entire history, it has never rained on this parade. It has rained before the parade and it has rained after the parade, but never on the parade. Take plenty of sun block. For details: (228) 452-7359.

Feb. 23: Gulf Coast Carnival Coronation Mardi Gras Ball

See King d'Iberville and Queen Inlilb crowned to reign over Mardi Gras for 1998. Maids, dukes and past royalty are also presented. View tickets available from the Carnival office. Held at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum, Biloxi. For details: (228) 432-8806.

Picayune's Krewe of Roses Parade

The Krewe of Roses Mardi Gras parade starts at 6 p.m. For information, call 798-6662 or 798-9834.

Feb. 24: Krewe of Real People Parade

This Bay St. Louis parade starts at 1 p.m. at Bookers Station and will travel Nacaise, Main Street, Court Street, Second Street, Railroad Ave., Old Spanish Trail and back to Nacaise.

Feb. 24: Gulf Coast Carnival Association (day parade)

Biloxi 11 a.m. at Main Street, roll south to US-90, north to US-90, west on the Washington Loop, south on Bayou La Batre, east on US-90, north on Porter, east on Howard and end at Gulfview. For details: (228) 432-8806.

Grand Casino Mardi Gras royalty

Two Grand Casino Gulfport associates were honored recently as they were crowned this year's Mardi Gras King and Queen. Topping the crown in the Carnival Lounge and resplendent in all their colorful Mardi Gras finery were Queen Bing Bartles and King Jerry Switzer.

Bartles is a charter member of Grand Casino Gulfport where she began her career as a change person. Currently she is a slot supervisor on swing shift. Bartles is excited about being serving as this year's Topping queen for Grand Casino Gulfport.

Gulfport native Switzer, whose family settled on the Coast in 1836, serves as a concierge for Grand Casino Gulfport. Switzer, who received the Grand Casino's Presidential Award in December 1996, was also named Superstar Hotel Associate of the Month. Switzer said, "I love Mardi Gras — it's such a festive season."

Both Bartles and Switzer were nominated and chosen by their peers. They will ride on the Grand Casino float in several Mardi Gras parades this year including Orange Grove, Waveland, Gulfport (day), Pass Christian, and the Gulfport night parade.



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All female boxing card on tap today at Grand Theatre

Grand Casino Biloxi in association with Event Entertainment will present an evening of women's boxing at the Biloxi Grand Theatre today. The five fight card will include two world championship bouts sanctioned by the IFBA (International Female Boxers Association).

Women's boxing, as a legitimate, competitive sport, gradually built momentum in 1995-96, and really exploded in the world of pugilism in 1997.

The main event is a Bantamweight title encounter. World champ Yvonne Trevino (6-1-1, 2 KOs) of Peoria, Ariz., will face off with Bridgett "Baby Doll" Riley (4-1, 1 KO) a St. Louis native, currently residing in Sherman Oaks, Calif.

This crown affair is scheduled for 10 rounds. Trevino was the first female boxer ever to appear on ABC-TV's "Wide World of Sports" last March, where she emerged victorious over Brenda Rouse.

Trevino won the bantamweight title in a 10-round unanimous decision against Suzanne Riccio-Major, at Biloxi Grand Theatre Aug. 2, 1997. Riley, a former kick-boxing champion, is riding the crest of a four-fight winning streak. Climbing the ranks in her division, she won an unanimous

decision over Shirley Prescott of Canada also in August, 1997. That win and the win against Georgia's Tina Speakman on Oct. 24, propelled Riley as a top contender in the Bantamweight division.

Also on the card, Dora "The Destroyer" Webber (12-1-2, 6 KOs) hailing from Santa Monica, Calif. will fight Gina Guidi (8-1-1, 3 KOs) of San Leandro, Calif., in 10-round middleweight title fight. Webber and Guidi are two of the toughest, hardest-punching battlers in the rocketing sport of female boxing.

Webber, a highly ranked fighter, has amassed a record of 12 wins, 1 defeat and 2 draws, with 6 KOs (one loss was to Lucia Rijker in a six-round unanimous decision).

Her goal, in addition to winning the IFBA Jr. Middleweight title Feb. 15, is to have a rematch with Rijker.

To date, Webber is the only person not to be KO'd by Rijker. Under the management of Dannie Summers, and trained by Rio Rossa, the fast-learning Guidi competed in the professional ranks and stunned the crowd in May when she knocked out Angela Buchanan in the first round of her IFBA eliminator bout to earn the number one ranking in the middle-

weight division.

The all female undercard is scheduled to have "Dynamite" Dee Dufos (3-1) of Bakersfield, Calif. against Canada's gift to the boxing world, Shirley Prescott (3-1) of Winnipeg; Hanna Fox (2-0, 1 KO) of Las Vegas, Nev. vs Julie Birdsell (making her pro debut) of Woodland Hills, Calif. and Marlene Valley (2-0, 1 KO) of Ontario, Canada vs Trina Oregon (1-0, 1 KO) from Albuquerque, N.M.

Tickets are now on sale at the Biloxi Grand Theatre Box Office (800-WIN-2-WIN) and at all TicketMaster outlets. Ticket prices are \$15/balcony, \$25/general floor and \$45/ringside. The doors at Biloxi Grand Theatre will open at 7 p.m. The first bout is scheduled to start at 8:15 p.m.

Wildcats clinch top seed in South tourney

Pearl River Community College's Wildcats clinched the 1998 regular season South Division championship Thursday with a 92-58 smashing of rival Jones.

The Wildcats' convincing victory led the No. 1 seed in next week's men's and women's South Division Tournament set for M. R. White Coliseum on the PRCC campus in Poplarville. PRCC's men finished 10-2 in division play, 21-4 overall, while the host Bobcats fell to 4-8 and 12-13.

The Lady Wildcats, on the other hand, fell to the Lady Bobcats 66-58 and dropped to 8-4 in division play, 15-8 overall. Jones' women - 9-3, 19-4 - finished the regular season tied with Copiah-Lincoln's Lady Wolves for the No. 1 women's spot in the South. Co-Lin trimmed East Central 67-61 Thursday in Wesson.

In men's action, Pearl River led 55-23 at the half, but narrowly took the second half 37-35. The Wildcats had pushed their lead to 75-29 with some 13 minutes remaining in the game when head coach Richard Mathis played mostly reserves from that point on.

In all, 10 Wildcats scored in the game, paced by Willie Kirby

and Jeremy Robinson with 18 and 17 points, respectively. Jason Reeves added 14, Nate Williams 9, Todd Daniels 8, Chad Jones 8, Marcus Mackey 8, Mylonious Magee 4, Chris Hathorn 4, and Tim Carter 2. Robinson sank 4 threes in the contest, while Daniels had 9 assists.

Wilbert Wilson paced Jones with 17 points.

In women's action, Pearl River led 35-30 at intermission, but Jones had a 3-point lead with 1 minute remaining. Two Lady Wildcat turnovers in the final 60 seconds gave the host Lady Bobcats the 6-point victory.

The foul line proved to be the difference in the game. PRCC hit 9 of 17 (53 percent), while JCJC hit 20 of 33 (61 percent).

Norma Noel paced PRCC with a game-high 17 points, while Punkin Byrd added 11. Jessica Shanklin scored 9, Leigh Slocum 8, Alana Pendarvis 5, April Wilson 4, Collette Sibley 2, and Jasmine Baldwin 2.

PRCC's men will draw a first-round bye in the division tourney and won't see action until Wednesday against the winner of Tuesday's No. 5 versus No. 4 match-up.

Wildcat baseball schedule

The Pearl River Community College 1998 Wildcat baseball schedule has been released, according to PRCC Athletic Director Keith Daniels.

Head coach Jim Nightengale enters his 11th season with the Wildcats.

The 1998 schedule is:

Feb. 19, Alabama Southern* at Poplarville, 2 p.m.

Feb. 21, Holmes at Poplarville, 1 p.m.

Feb. 24, Jefferson Davis at Brewton, Ala., noon

Feb. 28, Alabama Southern at Monroeville, Ala., noon

Mar. 3, Hinds* at Poplarville, 2 p.m.

Mar. 5, Belhaven at Poplarville, 2 p.m.

Mar. 7, Jones* at Ellisville, 1 p.m.

Mar. 9, Holmes at Goodman, 4 p.m.

Mar. 10, St. Louis (Florissant Valley) at Poplarville, 2 p.m.

Mar. 11, Kishwaukee, at Poplarville, 2 p.m.

Mar. 17, Southwest* at Summit, 4 p.m.

Mar. 18, Jackson State at Poplarville, 2 p.m.

Mar. 19, Mary Holmes at Poplarville, 2 p.m.

Mar. 21, Copiah-Lincoln* at Poplarville, 1 p.m.

Mar. 23, Bossier City at Poplarville, 1 p.m.

Mar. 25, East Mississippi at Scooba, 4 p.m.

Mar. 28, East Central* at Poplarville, 1 p.m.

Mar. 31, Mississippi Gulf Coast* at Poplarville, 4 p.m.

Apr. 2, Belhaven at Jackson, 1 p.m.

Apr. 4, Hinds* at Raymond, 1 p.m.

Apr. 5, Danville** at Poplarville, 2 p.m.

Apr. 7, Jones* at Poplarville, 4 p.m.

Apr. 10, Southwest* at Poplarville, 1 p.m.

Apr. 14, Copiah-Lincoln* at Wesson, 4 p.m.

Apr. 16, Mary Holmes at West Point, 1 p.m.

Apr. 18, East Mississippi at Poplarville, 2 p.m.

Apr. 21, East Central* at Decatur, 4 p.m.

Apr. 25, Mississippi Gulf Coast* at Perkinston, 1 p.m.

May 1-3, State Tournament, North winner, TAB

May 8-10, State Tournament, South winner, TAB

*denotes South Division games

**denotes one time meeting game

All remaining games to be announced

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OLA falls in state semifinals

BY RANDY HENDERSON
Meridian scored three unanswered second-half goals to eliminate OLA from the state semifinals Friday in the semifinals of the state playoffs in Clinton.

"This was a tough game," OLA coach Karen Hunt said. "You never know what's going to happen in a soccer game. Sometimes, the ball bounces your way, and sometimes it doesn't. Tonight, it went their way. Meridian has a really good team, they could win it all."

"(Meridian) did a better job of controlling the ball," she added.

Most of the early action was on the Crescents' side of the field.

OLA dodged a bullet early when a Meridian shot bounced off of the crossbar and back into play.

Moments later, the Lady Wildcats connected on an inside shot to take a 1-0 lead with 15 minutes into the game.

Meridian nearly added to its lead as the Lady Wildcats had several corner kick opportunities. On one attempt, an open Meridian player had a shot from directly in front of the OLA goal, but her shot sailed over the top crossbar.

OLA appeared to struggle throughout the game. The Lady Wildcats were beating the Crescents to the ball, and pressing the action to the OLA side of the field.

Leatie Escher tried to bring the Crescents back, taking a cross and charging downfield for a shot on goal, which narrowly missed.

On the ensuing goal kick, an OLA player blocked the attempt and crossed to Kristin Cannon on the sideline. Cannon eluded several defenders and fired into the corner of the Meridian net to tie the game at one midway with 15 minutes remaining in the first half.

The second half began well for the Crescents, as Cannon

collected a pass and raced one-on-one with the Meridian defenders. The Lady Wildcat goalie left the net to challenge Cannon, but the Crescent standout sidestepped her and made the shot to give OLA a 2-1 lead five minutes into the second period.

Meridian then went on a scoring rampage, collecting three goals in a nine-minute span to put the game away.

"We worked really hard to get here," said Cannon, a senior who played in her final game. "I'm proud of this team."

OLA finished the season 19-5. The Crescents have reached the playoffs in each of the three years since the girls' soccer playoffs system was begun.

Basketball roundup

Division tournament Monday

BY RICHARD MEER
The Division 7-4A tournament begins Monday and will run through Friday at St. Stanislaus. No games are scheduled on Wednesday.

On Monday, Hancock plays Pearl River Central in the girls bracket at 7 p.m. On the boys side, Hancock plays Petal at 8:30 p.m.

On Tuesday, Stanislaus and Bay High face off at 8:30 p.m. The winner will most likely face district regular season champion Piquette at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday.

Bay High's Lady Tigers, the regular season champion, have a first-round bye and do not play until 4 p.m. on Thursday against the winner of the Petal-Columbia game. Bay High and Hancock are favored to face each other in the district championship game, scheduled for 7 p.m. on Friday.

If Hancock's boys team defeats Petal, the Hawks would play the Oak Grove-Columbia winner on Thursday at 8:30 p.m.

If the Lady Hawks win, they would play the Oak Grove-Piquette winner on Thursday at 7 p.m.

The boys championship game is scheduled for 8:30 p.m. on Friday.

Admission each night is \$4.

In Friday's regular season finale:

BOYS
Bay High 59, Pass Christian 64—Tank Williams scored six straight points in overtime to help the Tigers close out the regular season with a nondistrict victory at the Tigerdome. The Pirates' Justin Arboret sent the game into overtime with a pair of free throws with

18.2 seconds remaining. Pass Christian, 19-11, then scored the first four points in the extra period to take a 50-46 lead.

Williams' two free throws with 54.6 seconds remaining tied the game at 46, and his short jumper following a Pirate turnover gave Bay High, 17-9, a 56-54 lead. Williams' steal and monster dunk gave the Tigers a 58-54 lead with 29 seconds remaining.

Herman Dunklin led Bay High with 13 points. Williams had 12 points, 13 rebounds and five steals. Marc Price added 10 points for Bay High.

Rudy Bell led the Pirates with 12 points. Arboret and Damian Johnson scored 10 each for Pass Christian.

Bay High will play the rest of the season without Reion Gallo-way, who was kicked off of the

team for disciplinary reasons.

Long Beach 76, Hancock 58—The Hawks fell behind 48-22 at the half and never recovered in a nondistrict loss at Long Beach.

Jeremy Garriga led the Hawks, 7-20, with 15 points.

Shaun Neciasse added 10 points.

Pascagoula 70, St. Stanislaus 46—The Rocks scored only 22 second-half points, nine in the fourth quarter, in their regular season ending loss at Pascagoula.

SSC was led by Paul Favre with 15 points, and Brantley Ladner with 10.

The Rocks ended the regular season 16-13.

GIRLS

Bay High 59, Pass Christian 36—The Lady Tigers went on a 16-2 spurt to start the second half in a nondistrict victory Friday.

Bay High led 25-17 at the half but increased the lead to 41-19 midway through the third period.

Chanda Haley scored 16 points and grabbed seven rebounds for the Lady Pirates, 13-18. Hancock 68, Long Beach 50—Jessica Pucheu scored 21 points, grabbed 10 rebounds, had six steals and dished out 12 assists in the Lady Hawks nondistrict victory.

The Lady Hawks led 29-9 at the end of the first period and 40-23 at the half.

Mindy Ladner added 15 points for Hancock, 21-6.

County bowling, golf results

Park Ten Lanes

Thursday Mixed Nite
Norris Chasson 203, Steve Greenfield 209, Danny Patton 205, 200, Tilton White 227, Jeremy Lizana 225, Frank Darby 245, Paul Pignolet 236, 220 - 648.

Christian Fellowship
Louis Zinc 205, Dan Sperbeck 202.

Friday Night Out
Sid Walker 227, Joe Musachia 229, Larry Loveless 225, Steve McCord 212, Mike Sandusky 204, 238, 224 - 686; Ed Scott 215, 226 - 631; Brian Chasson 207, 217, 257 - 681; Mark Vallery 212; Sammy Vance 201, 201; Barb McCann 280, Charles Pique Jr. 211, 245 - 629; Ricky Johnson 230, 258, 248 - 736; Rick Moore 206, David Anderson 256, 204 - 652; Cecil Crowell 202, 234 - 604; Karin Brossette 212, Duane Troxler 221, 268, 209 - 698; Julie Ramsey 241, Andy Ramsey 244, 256 - 691.

DuPont A
Bill Blaine 201, Tony Shoemaker 204.

Monday Night Miller
Joe Albe 201, Dan Sperbeck 208, Sam Chittadino 278, 269, 222 - 770; Ricky Miller 214, Ricky Dew 206, Barb Postier 203, 201; Don Williams 204, 206; Norm Postier 218, 254, 205 - 675; Brian Jones 238, 218 - 652; Rick Moore 206, 213 - 608; Ricky Johnson 230, 258 - 686; Ed Scott 215, 226 - 631; Brian Chasson 207, 217, 257 - 681; Mark Vallery 212; Sammy Vance 201, 201; Barb McCann 280, Charles Pique Jr. 211, 245 - 629; Ricky Johnson 230, 258, 248 - 736; Rick Moore 206, David Anderson 256, 204 - 652; Cecil Crowell 202, 234 - 604; Karin Brossette 212, Duane Troxler 221, 268, 209 - 698; Julie Ramsey 241, Andy Ramsey 244, 256 - 691.

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Diamondhead Nines

Jan. 20
Poker, Blind Hole Draw

Back Pine
First flight: 1. Phyllis Dowel, 2. Maureen Holt, 3. Emmy Swink, 4. Sue Munn.

Second flight: 1. Pat Hogan, 2. Shirley Smith, 3. Jean Serugham, 4. Martha Pearson.

Third flight: 1. Edith Hagan, 2. Carrie Perkins, 3. Verna Terry, 4. Glenda Hendricks.

Chip-ins: Kay Horn and Vera LaCoste.

Jan. 27 Scramble
Back Cardinal

First: Audrey Linn, Evelyn Young, Lorraine Bourn.

Second: Ruth Moran, Marge Dieball, Virginia Schmitt.

Feb. 3, Low Gross
Front Pine

First: Donna Hanna, second, Maureen Holt; third, Marge Dieball.

Feb. 10, 5 Clubs and Putter
Lot Net, Front Cardinal

First flight: 1. Wanda Newman, 2. Emmy Swink, 3. Ellen Nutting.

Second flight: 1. Marge Dieball, 2. Bobbie Sorgenfrei, 3. Celeste Klein.

Third flight: 1. Margaret Joly, 2. Eileen Johnson, 3. Jerrie Guidroz.

Chip-in: Audrey Linn.

Diamondhead Women's
ABCD - 2 Hand Balls

Jan. 20
First: Amy Swink, Carol Guilmino, Darlene Ray, Alberta Alley.

Second: Sylvia Gordon, Tili Garrison, Becky Jordan, New Bourn.

Third: Mary Hagan, Mary Hagan, Mary Hagan, Mary Hagan.

Fourth: Carol Lilley, Pat Kealer, Connie Cushman, Beverly Bruce.

Chip-in: Audrey Linn.

Feb. 3
Low gross: Mary Hagan, Chantel Smith, Marge Dieball, Sharon Cushman, Corinne Lachar.

Chip-in: Audrey Linn.

Morning Glory bowling

Feb. 2
High Handicap Game Series

Carol Guilmino 227, Heidi Polard 246 - 643; Earline Via 222 - 640; Joan Parson 220 - 642.

Spies 219 - 628; Virginia Criss 217; Debbie Campbell 216; Judi Marks 214; Julie Keith 213.

Doris Netherly 208; Shirley Cronin 205; Denise Poulton 205.

Feb. 8
High Handicap Game Series

Carol Guilmino 227, Heidi Polard 246 - 643; Earline Via 222 - 640; Joan Parson 220 - 642.

Spies 219 - 628; Virginia Criss 217; Debbie Campbell 216; Judi Marks 214; Julie Keith 213.

Doris Netherly 208; Shirley Cronin 205; Denise Poulton 205.

Feb. 15
High Handicap Game Series

Carol Guilmino 227, Heidi Polard 246 - 643; Earline Via 222 - 640; Joan Parson 220 - 642.

Spies 219 - 628; Virginia Criss 217; Debbie Campbell 216; Judi Marks 214; Julie Keith 213.

Doris Netherly 208; Shirley Cronin 205; Denise Poulton 205.

Feb. 22
High Handicap Game Series

Carol Guilmino 227, Heidi Polard 246 - 643; Earline Via 222 - 640; Joan Parson 220 - 642.

Spies 219 - 628; Virginia Criss 217; Debbie Campbell 216; Judi Marks 214; Julie Keith 213.

Doris Netherly 208; Shirley Cronin 205; Denise Poulton 205.

Feb. 29
High Handicap Game Series

Carol Guilmino 227, Heidi Polard 246 - 643; Earline Via 222 - 640; Joan Parson 220 - 642.

Spies 219 - 628; Virginia Criss 217; Debbie Campbell 216; Judi Marks 214; Julie Keith 213.

Doris Netherly 208; Shirley Cronin 205; Denise Poulton 205.

Mar. 6
High Handicap Game Series

Carol Guilmino 227, Heidi Polard 246 - 643; Earline Via 222 - 640; Joan Parson 220 - 642.

Spies 219 - 628; Virginia Criss 217; Debbie Campbell 216; Judi Marks 214; Julie Keith 213.

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Cable

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heated that company officials will review their decision.

And if Mediacom doesn't agree to the terms, Carr said, Channel 13 will shut down as their contract is up in Hancock County. Carr said he would like to see another firm that will carry the local news.

There was some good news for subscribers, according to Mediacom general manager Gene Brock, who sent out press releases from Mediacom's offices in Gulf Breeze, Florida.

In March, seven new channels will be added to the lineup of basic service in Bay St. Louis and Waveland. These include: Fox News (27), Sports South (41), Spice (48) from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., TV Land (68), Animal Planet (69), Outdoor Channel (70), and Romance Classics (71).

Also in March, subscribers to basic service in Pearlport will get four new channels: Arts & Entertainment (31), ESPN (32), American Movie Classics (33), and Discovery (34).

Effective March 1, the charge for basic service, however, will rise from the current \$21 to \$25.95 per month for Bay St. Louis and Waveland subscribers. For Pearlport customers, basic service will rise to \$23.50 a month.

Mediacom continues to try to keep rates as low as possible while still supporting the variety of services that customers want," Brock said, in the press release. "As with other products and services you use, there are costs associated with continued improvement."

Brock noted that Mediacom's rates continue to be below the national level. He said the Federal Communications Commission reported last July that the national average monthly rate for cable service was between \$27.26 and \$28.82.

Under the county franchise, the cable firm rebates five percent of its revenues to Hancock County. In 1996, that amounted to \$10,330, according to County Comptroller Patty Greer. She said the county has not yet received payment for 1997.

A Mediacom spokesman said the latest county shows there are a little more than 6,000 cable subscribers in the Bay, Waveland and Pearlport areas and parts of unincorporated Hancock County.

PRCC

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Alexander said he learned of the latest posturing through the media. "When this issue was pushed by the Chamber's Education Committee two years ago (as is the case now), I thought I had explained, that establishing a campus or branch of PRCC is not that easy."

He gave the Echo a copy of the letter he sent then to the Chamber's Hancock 2000 Education Committee, explaining what is now required.

"The legislature was concerned about the proliferation of community colleges in the state, and the legislature has made it very difficult, if not impossible, for an existing junior college to establish a branch or a new campus," said Alexander.

In addition to approval by the state Board of Community and Junior Colleges, the plan must also be approved by the PRCC Board of Trustees, the Board of Trustees of the Institution for Higher Learning, and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and by acts of both houses of the state legislature," said Alexander.

The Southern Association reaccredited Pearl River in December of 1995, and must approve any additional distance learning programs, Alexander explained.

A needs assessment would be needed in order to determine if a future campus or branch is a viable alternative in Hancock County, Alexander said. In addition, "Written pledges of increased tax support from taxing authorities are required, along with proposed budgets for facilities and for operation for the first three years."

For an academic campus, a minimum of 600 full-time students would be required and for a center or branch, 300 full-time students would be needed, he pointed out.

"The numbers are not there," said Alexander. PRCC serves the counties of Hancock, Pearl River, Marion, Lamar, Forrest and Jefferson Davis. PRCC's current fall enrollment of almost 3,000 includes 208 full-time Hancock County students, with another 31 taking three nights courses offered at Bay High and Hancock County High School.

"We can't actually twist someone's arm, and say you have to attend Pearl River," said Alexander. He said there are a number of reasons why Hancock students are going to community colleges in the Gulf Coast network.

"We're living in an affluent society," said Alexander. "Almost everybody has a car. A lot of them have jobs in the coast casinos and other places, so they can arrange their work schedules in order to take one or more courses on the coast, then run to their jobs."

Alexander added, "In the last 30 years, there has never been a course requested that we refused to offer. We just can't do it for two or three people."

Dean of Academics, Dr. Esby said PRCC advertised five college courses in Hancock County this fall, but only three classes made. In order to offer a night course, you must have at least enough students enrolled to pay the teacher. That's usually a minimum of 10 students, he said.

Alexander said PRCC's real presence in Hancock County can be seen in figures compiled the first of this year that shows 1,688 participants enrolled in 38 different workforce training programs. The number does not reflect a complete total, since some students training for work are also enrolled in basic job-enhancing classes, such as English, speech, math and computer courses, he said.

PRCC currently trains workers for Alcan Cable and most industry located at Port Bienville, including GE, Calgon and the giant Wellman plastics/fiber manufacturing plant currently under construction.

"Part of the inducement package to have Wellman locate here was that the PRCC staff would train and educate the work force," said Alexander. "Wellman is building a state-of-the-art training center. And, it will be ours to use for any need that arises."

The state Department of Education reimburses PRCC for training, and Alexander estimates over the last two years, \$689,000 was expended in Hancock County.

Dr. Sones, the Dean of Vocational-Technical Affairs, said, "A conservative estimate is that training for Wellman will run between \$500,000 to \$1 million."

Alexander said Hancock citizens should also remember that PRCC turned over its high school Voc-Tech Center to the county School District. The building and equipment is worth more than \$1 million, he said.

Last year, full or partial scholarships to PRCC were also handed out to 84 Hancock County students from Bay High, Hancock High, St. Stanislaus, and Our Lady Academy, according to PRCC's Public Relations Chief Larry Stanford.

"And 80 to 85 percent of Hancock County students enrolled here full-time are receiving some type of financial assistance," said Stanford.

Students from the Bay, Waveland area are involved in every facet of campus activities, including sports, band, the Stringed Pearls dance troupe, cheerleading squad, and the Student Government Association, he said.

PRCC also produced the Echo's annual semester student Chef/Gardener/St. Louis, who graduated from St. Stanislaus and elected to become a full-time student at PRCC.

"I heard a lot about Pearl River. My father and other relatives attended," said Carr. The

eldest of four sons in the family, Carr said his father wants all of them to attend PRCC, then go on to USM or elsewhere.

Cuevas said he had delayed any action on his bill and within the next three weeks will invite Dr. Alexander, bill supporters, Hancock County supervisors and opponents to come up to Jackson and appear before the Senate Education Committee.

An exact date has not been set for the hearing, and action might be delayed further since Alexander is recovering from injuries received in a car wreck last week.



Alexander

Gavney

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case made its way through the court process.

He said he was grateful for the support of his wife, Judith, and other family members, and that he had faith in his defense attorney, Herman Cox.

Cox told jurors that Gavney's accuser changed details about the crime three times during her complaints to police. He said the woman made up the rape story to get out of a debt she owed him.

Gavney said all along, the allegations against him were

"false." He said he was at work on the morning of the alleged attack.

Cox paraded a "Who's Who" of local politics before jurors to vouch for Gavney's reputation. A total of 19 character witnesses, including Sheriff Ronnie Peterson, Hancock County Tax Assessor Eddie Murtagh, and others.

"I feel relieved," Gavney told the Echo. "I'm glad this ordeal is over. Now I can get on with my life."

Policing

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it which were used by the Chief, the Investigator and herself, Henley said.

"We didn't have a dispatcher. I was dispatcher, secretary, clerk, a little bit of everything," she said. "If a patrolman came in to write a report, he had to use the other side of one of our desks."

Henley was instrumental in the reorganization of the department's filing system, which is still used today, and one of the best in the country, said Varnell.

In 1978, Henley became the first female Criminal Investigator in Hancock County. She worked in that position until 1990 when she was promoted to Administrator. The next year she was made Assistant Chief, the position she still holds today.

Henley has worked under three administrations and two different Police Chiefs, both of whom she called excellent bosses. Working for Varnell, however, was not something she ever could have imagined she said.

"I've known Jimmy since I was a kid, we were in elementary school together," laughed Henley. "I never dreamed I'd work for him, but he is a good boss."

Varnell said Henley has been instrumental in helping to raise and maintain professional standards within the Police Department.

He said her diligence in teaching officers the proper way of handling situations and conducting investigations was a major factor in the successful careers of many Waveland officers.

If not for Henley, Varnell said, he would not be where he is today, nor would a lot of other officers that have crossed her path.

Over the years the job has changed, Henley said. The paperwork has become much more complicated, with the growing need to document absolutely everything that is done. "We always write, report."

but back then whatever a policeman said was believed," Henley said. "Police were respected, and were 'somebody.' Now (police) are the bad guys."

There's more crime today too, Henley said, more burglaries and more theft. Drugs are a problem too, but not a new problem.

In 1976 Henley did her internship with the Hancock County Sheriff's Office, spending much of the time riding with Sheriff Ronnie Peterson, then the Narcotics Officer. During that internship, Henley saw first hand that drug arrests were part of the job then too.

"Drugs have always been a problem," explained Henley. "Now it's just different drugs." Today, however, even what seems to be routine, like a traffic stop, can turn dangerous, she said.

"When you go up to a car you don't know who it's going to be," she explained. "It could be anybody, a murderer, anybody."

The main job of the police department is to try and enforce the laws as best as possible, Henley said, but helping people out is part of it too.

"We try to help people. Sometimes parents have trouble with kids and we talk to them," she said. "We've changed lightbulbs for elderly people. We've even gotten food for elderly people who don't have anybody."

Not all good deeds go unnoticed, either.

"We have quite a few citizens in Waveland who really show their appreciation," Henley said. "Some people are so appreciative just for doing things like checking their house when they are on vacation."

The City of Waveland recently honored Henley with a plaque for her 21 years of service.

Varnell said he hopes she will be around for another 20 years. "As long as the working conditions are as good as they have been for the past 21 years," Henley said, "I'll stay as long as they let me."

Clothing Giveaway

LDS Church will be distributing 30,000 pieces of good used clothing on Wednesday, Feb. 18.

The clothing will be distributed at the Hancock County Courthouse, 100 N. Main St., from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. The clothing will be distributed from 10:30 a.m. until 10 p.m. For details, call 467-2222.

ated coupons at area churches, the State Employment Security Offices, the food stamp office and other places.

Executive Director Terry Sones said families with coupons will be admitted first from 10 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., then the general public will be admitted from 10:30 a.m. until 10 p.m. For details, call 467-2222.

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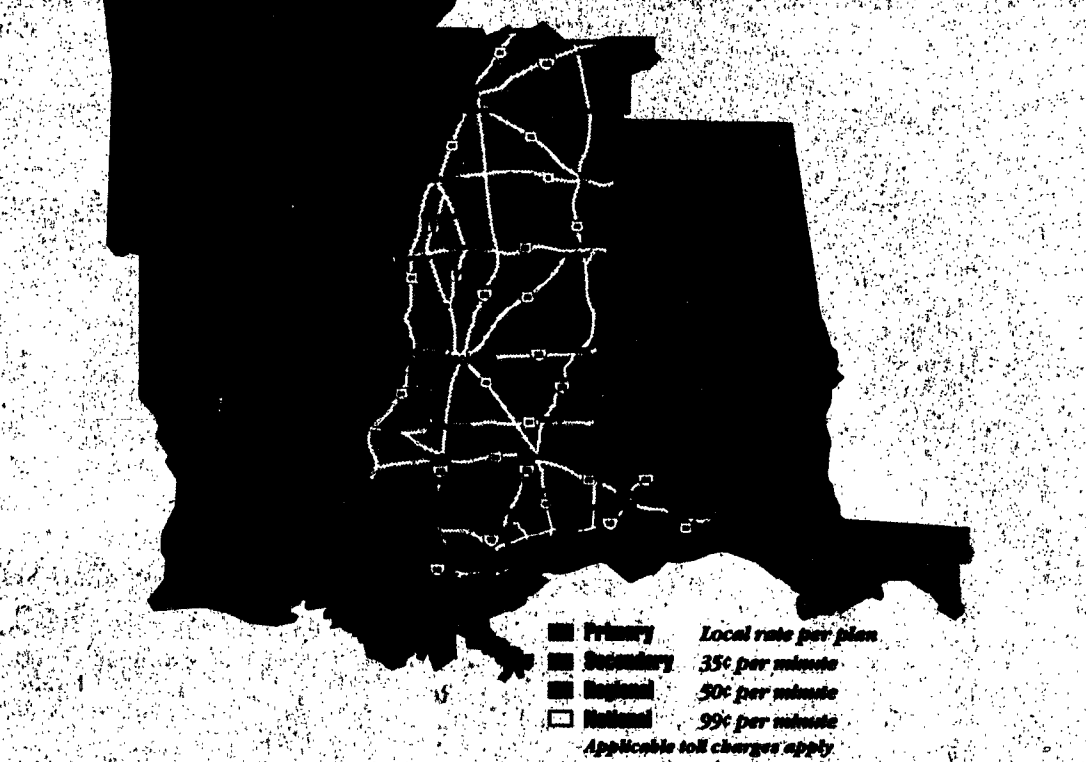
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32nd annual economic symposium featured leaders from four diverse Coast industries

BY RANDY PONDER

Hancock Bank hosted its 32nd annual economic symposium Thursday in the Mississippi Gulf Coast Coliseum Convention Center in Biloxi.

Speakers were Thomas M. Duff, president and CEO of Wellman, Inc.; Richard L. Marler, COO of Friede Goldman International, Inc.; David Oreck, president and CEO of Oreck Corporation; and Barry A. Shier, chairman of the board and CEO of Beau Rivage Resorts, Inc.

Each speaker had about 20 minutes to deliver his message to the record 1,500 guests in attendance.

Duff presented a brief history of Wellman and explained how the company decided to build its new plant at the Port Bienville Industrial Park in Hancock County.

"We got a great welcome!" Duff stated. In addition, the Bienville location offered lower transportation costs by allowing the company to utilize barges to bring in their raw materials and to ship out the finished product.

Wellman also received substantial infrastructure and tax relief from both Hancock County and the state. And the availability of skilled workers was another consideration. "We are very pleased with the first group of people we have hired," Duff added.

Some 1,100 construction workers are currently busy at the 373,000-square-foot plant site which is nearly 50 percent completed. The cost of the facility is expected to be about \$400 million. The plant will produce two products, PermaClear PET Resin and Fortel Polyester Staple. The products are used in beverage and food bottles, textiles, furniture and carpet.

Duff said the Hancock

County plant will be smaller and more efficient than any of the company's other locations, but will still employ 265 workers with an annual payroll of \$15 million.

The soft drink industry is one of Wellman's larger customers, utilizing its products in a new generation of single-serve containers. "This is a real growth industry," Duff said. "Soft drink containers are moving to plastic. It is replacing aluminum cans. It is the package of choice, the package of the future. We are seeing a 15 percent annual growth rate. Baby food containers are also moving to plastic."

To get a job at Wellman, Duff said you would need a background in either engineering or finance. "We have very few management positions."

The next industry featured at the symposium was the offshore drill rig industry, with Marler also starting with a history of Friede Goldman International.

The company has a drill rig yard in Pascagoula, in addition to numerous other locations, and expects to realize over \$200 million in worldwide sales this year. Marler said the company is ranked number one out of about 50 companies listed in the oil field sector on Wall Street.

The next speaker, Oreck, opened with a video clip of a business news program featuring him and his company.

And as the consummate salesperson, Oreck used his time to sell his vacuum cleaners to a captive audience. Using humor, he read several letters from satisfied customers, showed three television commercials and played three radio spots.

"I don't know how to sell a cheap product. I do know how to sell the best product," Oreck stated. He also said sales of his vacuum cleaners have been



Symposium

Chairman and CEO, Leo W. Seal, right, delivers a question from the audience to David Oreck during Hancock Bank's 32nd annual economic symposium held last week in Biloxi. (Sea Coast Echo photo by Randy Ponder)

doubling each year. The company sells directly to the public and does not use mass retailers and discounters to move its products. "You have to control your distribution or your distribution will control you."

Oreck Corporation employs 500 people at its Long Beach plant.

As the symposium's final speaker, Shier commented on his Beau Rivage property and the Coast as a whole.

Beau Rivage is expected to open in the first quarter of 1999 at a cost of \$600 million, with 1,800 hotel rooms, 12 restaurants, a marina and a 1,500-seat showroom.

"We need to be able to compete on a par, not only with Vegas and Atlantic City, but more importantly with Disney and other family vacation destinations," Shier said. "The secret to marketing this destination is Southern hospitality."

With gaming revenues flat, Shier said, "We have to grow the market." He is targeting large cities within a 500-mile radius of the Coast, only an hour or so away by plane, not car and with

He also said that the number one reason people visit Vegas is for "vacation and pleasure," only five percent list gaming as their number one reason for going.

The Beau Rivage will have 4,200 employees with an annual payroll of \$90 million. Shier said the average annual salary will be \$25,000.

Shier said his company would like to hire more local people in management positions, but admitted most top managers are imported. "It's criminal not to be able to have the choice to sit down with your children and decide what is best for their future. Why let the state decide for you by not allowing the necessary courses to be taught in your colleges. To get the top management positions, you need that background and training."

Over 1,000 construction workers are on the Beau Rivage site now, and that number will increase to 1800 by summer. "The quality of the workmanship on this project has been outstanding," Shier added.

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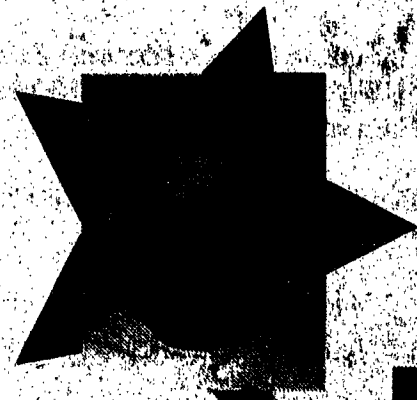
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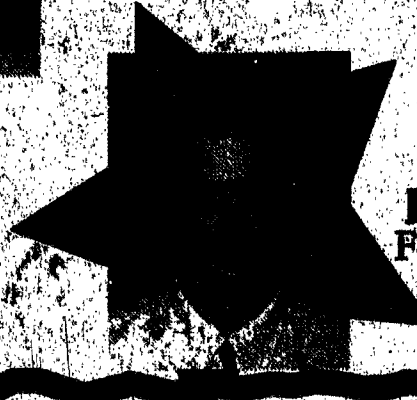
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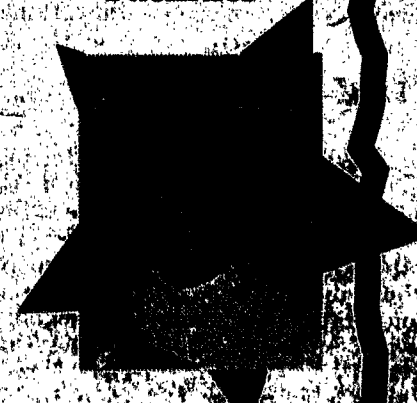
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FINANCIAL FOCUS

Submitted by Craig Foster
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Sometimes you can make money with dogs

The stock market is not a horse race.

Nevertheless, each new day brings another stock "jockey" proclaiming a foolproof new "system" to beat the odds. History has shown, however, that the best system for success is a long-term buy-and-hold strategy.

Even so, there are a few methods of stock investing that have proved to be effective. Some of those methods deal with the Dow Jones Industrial Average. The Dow is a price-weighted average of 30 actively traded blue-chip stocks. Together they represent between 15 percent and 20 percent of the market value of all stocks trading on the New York Stock Exchange—hardly a bunch of dogs. Yet several investing techniques concentrate on Dow stocks that are out of favor—the "Dogs of the Dow."

One of the main proponents of the Dow dogs is John Downes, co-author of the book "Beating the Dow" and editor of a newsletter by the same name. One of Downes' strategies, called the "Dow Ten," calls for buying equal amounts of the 10 highest-yielding Dow stocks. A high yield often means the price of the stock has dropped, making the dividend high in relation to the stock price.

Another strategy, the "Flying Five," concentrates on the five lowest-priced stocks of the Dow Ten. Each year, the portfolio is adjusted to include the latest high yielders. (Remember, however, there are tax ramifications every time you sell a stock.)

Downes also offers a one-stock strategy, the Penultimate (next-to-last) Profit Prospect, or PPP. This involves simply buying the Dow Ten stock with the second-lowest price, keeping it for a year and then trading it for that year's new PPP. (Again, keep in mind the tax ramifications.)

The PPP theory has more risk than either the Dow Ten or Flying Five strategies due

to its lack of diversification. In effect, you're putting all of your eggs in one basket.

Why select the second-lowest-priced stock from the Dow Ten, rather than the lowest? Downes' theory is that the lowest-priced stock deserves to be there; the second-lowest may have stumbled and soon will recover.

According to Downes' newsletter, the PPP produced a 25.5 percent average annual return between 1972 and 1996. Compare that to the entire Dow, which returned 12.6 percent a year.

However, 25.5 percent is the average over 25 years. In individual years during the period, the PPP strategy actually trailed the Dow 11 times, including five years in which it lost money. Downes suggests that because the PPP strategy is volatile, it's important to stick with it year after year to weather the ups and downs.

Even if these strategies

appeal to you, they shouldn't be your entire investment plan. With these strategies, you buy the common stock of high-quality corporations, sell at depressed prices and obtain generous dividends. Unlike most advisory services, which inundate subscribers with hundreds of different stocks, "Beating the Dow" follows only the 30 Dow Industrials. With a modest investment, you can participate in one or more of the Dow strategies.

Export operations seminar offered

The University of Southern Mississippi's Small Business Development Center will co-sponsor an "Export Operations" seminar Feb. 18 at the Mississippi Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce in Gulfport.

The seminar, offered by the Hinds Community College International Trade Center, will be held 1-4:30 p.m. Discussion will include export terms, pro forma invoices, packing and marking, freight forwarders, documents prepared by the forwarder and documents prepared by the shipper.

Speakers will be Terry Deaux Liner, manager of the Irwin Brown Company's Mississippi branch office, and Leigh Kirtley, trade specialist at the Hinds Community College International Trade Center.

There is no fee, but pre-registration is required because of limited seating.

Co-sponsors include International Trade Club of Mississippi, Mississippi Department of Economic and Community Development, Mississippi District Export Council, Mississippi Export Assistance Center, Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport and the Pearl River Community College Small Business Development Center.

For information or to pre-register, contact Aletha Smith at (228) 392-0907.

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Advertising gala scheduled

Invitations are out for the annual Mississippi Gulf Coast Advertising American Advertising Awards presentation ceremonies Friday, Feb. 27 at the Treasure Bay Resort Casino.

The American Advertising Awards, sponsored by the Mississippi Gulf Coast Advertising Federation, recognize and showcase the Gulf Coast's best advertising creative talent. The evening begins at 6:30 p.m. with cocktails followed by dinner and presentation of awards.

Some \$18 broadcast and print entries were received this year from agencies, businesses and individuals doing business in the Mississippi Gulf Coast market. Of these entries, the three-member judging panel singled out the award winners.

Tickets for the gala event are \$30. Tickets may be purchased in advance by calling Christie Fountain at 875-2261, ext. 235, or Dustin Fortich at 867-5585.

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Ritten wins excellence award

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It will be taught 8:30-9 p.m. March 17, 24, 31 and April 7 in Jackson County. Cost is \$39, or \$29 at the door.

The instructor is George Cullinan, an investment broker with J. C. Bradford & Co.

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Parade

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this year includes 20 floats and nine outstanding bands and drill teams.

"There will be lots of music and, as always, an abundance of throws," said the Captain. "The krewe is known for its generosity."

In the event of cancellation due to rain, by tradition the Krewe of Nereids will parade on Mardi Gras Day, Feb. 24.

John Hutton "Chappy" Chapman reigns this year as King Nereus XXXII. Named after his uncle John Hutton, Chapman was born in Mobile, Ala. and later moved to New Orleans where he attended St. La-

wrence the Martyr and Ridgewood Prep and graduated from Loyola University.

After an early career in commerce, in 1985 Chapman and Starr, his wife, opened Chappy's Restaurant in Long Beach, which has become one of the premier restaurants on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

He is also known throughout South Mississippi and Louisiana as a philanthropist and humanitarian. Even before moving to the Coast, Chappy worked enthusiastically to raise funds for local causes. He tirelessly continues that work to the present day for schools,

churches of all denominations, fire departments, animal shelters and other charities too numerous to mention.

Asked why he wanted to be king, Chapman responded, "Because I'm a Mardi Gras nut, and I love the Krewe of Nereids; it's really something special. It was terrible to have to keep it a secret until the night of the ball, it was killing me. While waiting backstage before my appearance, some of the past kings came up to coach me in how to wave the scepter. I could see the excitement of their own experiences in their eyes. There's no way to describe that first mo-

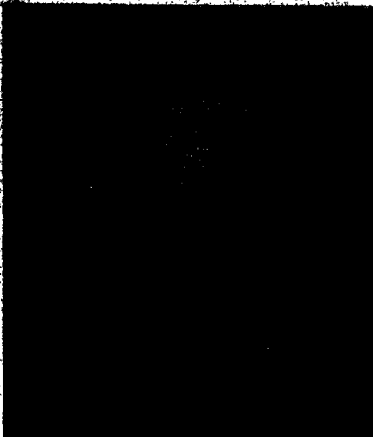
ment when I walked out on the ballroom floor as king. The captain, who escorted me, said she could feel a million hands on me. All I kept thinking was, 'Yes, I am the King!'"

Serving as dukes to his majesty are Mesars Bertin C. Chevis, James R. Gurley, William Clark Breland, Nicky C. Gollott, Richard W. Redditt and Donny Lee.

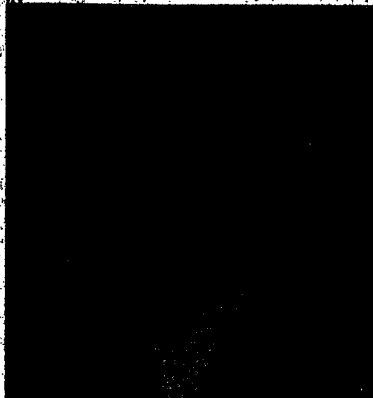
Pages to King Nereus and Queen Doris are Masters Cody Lawson Seal, Jeremy Kyle Sick, Andrew Bertin Chevis, and Ryan Matthew Oliver.

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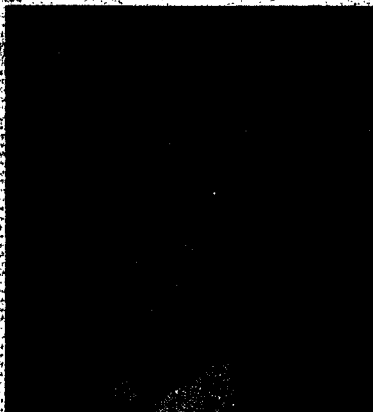
identities of Queen Doris and her maids are never revealed.



Richard W. Redditt



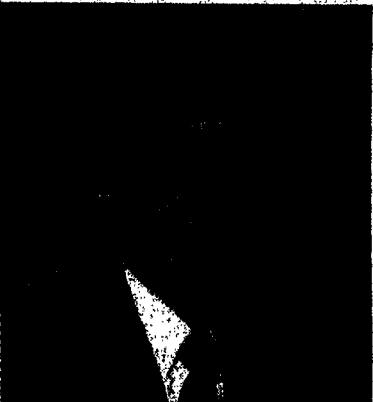
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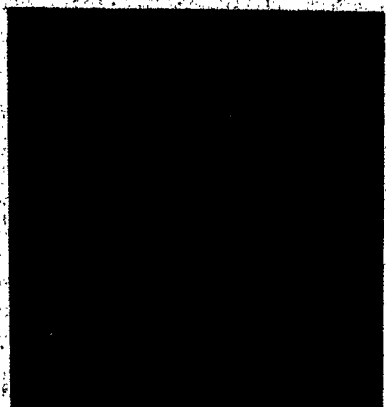
have not been reported since." Burr was driving a 1986 Gold Toyota Station Wagon bearing tag #1CMP963. Vin #JT2AL32W6G0249288.

Hoda said, foul play is definitely suspected in Burr's disappearance, and his department is seeking any possible information for leads.

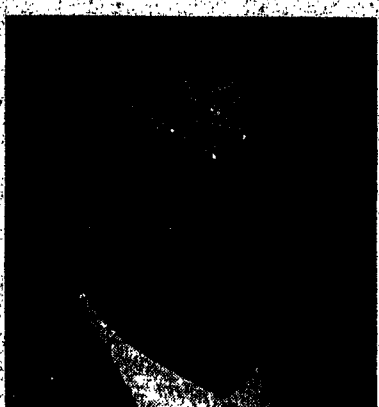
Burr was a carpenter, about 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighed about 160 lbs., brown curly hair, brown eyes, a mustache and tattoos on both arms.

His wife and three children still reside in BaySide, Hoda said.

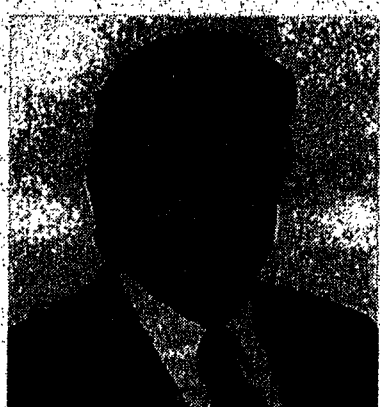
Anyone with any information is urged to contact Hoda or Sheriff Ronnie Peterson, at 467-5101.



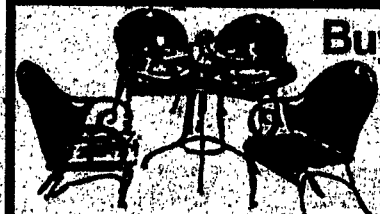
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Local schools celebrate 'Catholic Education Week'

Bay Catholic Elementary, St. Clare School and St. Paul School, along with Catholic schools across the nation, celebrated Catholic Education Week from Jan. 25 through Feb. 1.

Each school had events planned throughout the week, including guest speakers, open houses, teacher and student appreciation days and community day.



Bay Catholic

Bay Catholic Elementary School celebrated Catholic Education Week with guest speakers throughout the week. The first speaker was Neil Martin, a former Minnesota Sea Wolves hockey player, who explained some of the fundamentals of hockey, such as strategy and equipment, with the help of sixth grade students. Martin, a defenseman from Sudbury, Ontario, Canada, is in his first year with the Sea Wolves, his second year as a professional. (Echo staff photo by Beth Blanchard)

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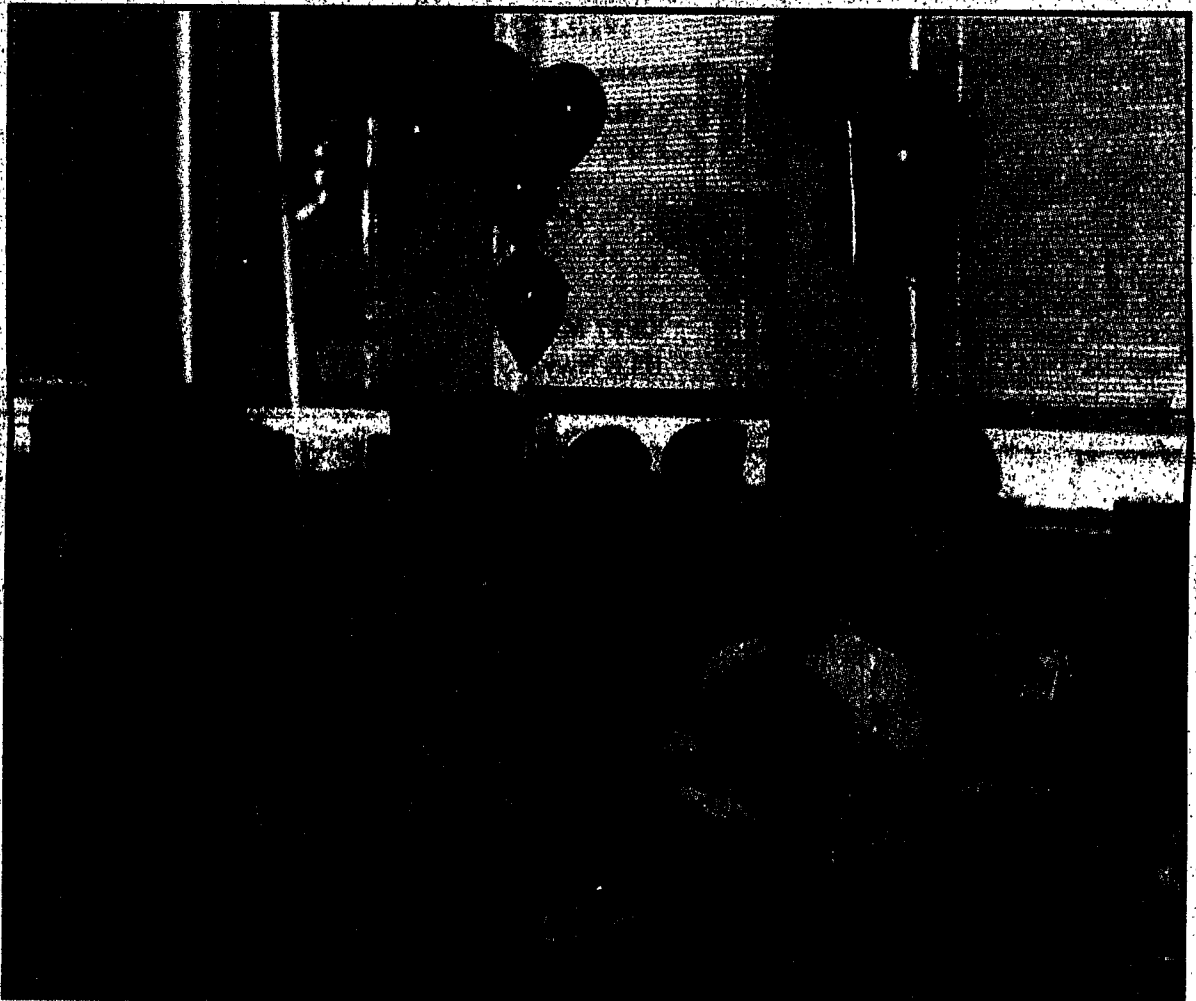
Teacher of the month

Principal Lily Dabrowski of Bay Catholic School reported that Mrs. Marybeth Baker has been named Teacher of the Month. Baker is a fourth grade teacher from Bay Catholic Elementary School. She has been teaching for 15 years and has been named Teacher of the Month for the past two years.



St. Clare

Sixth grade students from St. Clare School in Waveland celebrated Community Day with a visit to Waveland City Hall. Mayor Pro tem Tommy Longo took students on a tour of the building, introducing them to city employees and answering questions. (Echo staff photo by Betsy Gagnet)



St. Paul

Students of St. Paul Catholic School were joined for lunch on Community Day by Pass Christian Mayor Billy McDonald, (third from the right, back row) and Harrison County Supervisor David LaRosa (second from right, back row). Also joining students for lunch were principal Myrna Bourgeois (far right, back row) and St. Paul Pastor Monsignor Ron Herzog, seated in front of Bourgeois and LaRosa. (Echo staff photo by Betsy Gagnet)



CISV training

Bay Catholic Elementary students, Christy Gieber, Robert Gieber, Lee Kish and Minnie Leiser, have begun training in preparation for the Children's International Summer Village. CISV will be sending two or three delegations of 11-year-olds to summer villages in Norway and Pennsylvania and possibly Colombia. A village is a four-week camp which provides mutual cultural experiences that promote understanding, cooperation and friendship between participants. So far, the BCE students have participated in playdays and a mini sleepover where they were able to experience the signs of CISV characteristics such as social responsibility, acceptance of differences in culture, language, religion, and ability to give of themselves to help others.

Spelling bee winner

Bay Catholic Elementary placed first in the Harrison County spelling bee. After competing with the winners from other schools, the school was announced the winner in her category. The school also competed with the winners from other schools in the annual spelling bee and placed third.

CLUBS, ASSOCIATIONS

AARP Chapter 1114

The Hancock County AARP Chapter 1114 will meet Monday, Feb. 16 at 10 a.m. at the American Legion Post 77 on Coleman Avenue in Waveland.

Guest speaker will be Officer Theresa Beason of the Waveland Police Department. Subject will be Safety for Seniors.

Also present will be officers C. J. List of the K9 Corps and Arno and Ace.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly

TOPS WAVELAND 307

TOPS MS Chapter 307 Waveland met Wednesday, Feb. 4 the Waveland Public Library. Ann was the week's best loser with 3 1/4 pounds. Deshae won the Incentive Award. There were 16 members present. Best loser for January was Mary with 12 1/4 pounds. Deldre was runner-up with 6 1/4 pounds.

The best loser for the quarter was Deldre with 28 1/4 pounds. Runner-up was Mary with 9 1/4 pounds. As a group, the net loss for the quarter was 68 1/4 pounds.

Club members will leave for ARD Feb. 12 at 4:30 p.m. from the Kmart shopping center.

Deldre discussed viewing the TOPS Web Site and shared the Top Ten Ways To Trim Portion Sizes (without feeling deprived). The TOPS web address is <http://www.tops.org>.

The chapter promotes enthusiasm and understanding and encourages sensible eating habits. Anyone interested is welcome to join.

The chapter meets every Wednesday at the Waveland Public Library. Weigh-ins are from 4:15-5:30 p.m. with the meeting following.

Anyone interested in losing weight the sensible way and/or maintaining weight loss is welcome to visit the chapter. Call Ruth at 466-9880 for information.

Gulf Coast MS Society

The Mississippi Gulf Coast MS Society will meet Feb. 28 at 2 p.m. at the Holiday Inn on Hwy. 49, just south of I-10.

For information, call the MS hotline at 396-9777.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly

TOPS WAVELAND 233

TOPS MS 233 Waveland met Tuesday, Feb. 3 at the Waveland Public Library. Elaine was the week's best loser with 3 1/4 pounds. Sarah was the week's best loser with 2 1/4 pounds. Kathy was the week's best KOPS loser.

The club welcomed new members Susan and Nicole and a visitor. There were 25 members present. There was a net loss of 20 1/4 pounds.

Chairs were presented to Karen J. for best TOPS loser of the month. Sarah for best youth loser of the month, and Ruth for best KOPS loser of the month. Chairs were also presented to the best losers of the quarter, Karen N. for TOPS, Sarah for youth, and Kathy for KOPS. The auction to raise money was a success.

TOPS MS 233 meets every Tuesday at the Waveland Public Library. Weigh-ins are from 5-5:45 p.m. with the meeting following.

Anyone interested in losing weight the sensible way and maintaining that weight loss is welcome to visit the TOPS chapter. Interested persons are invited to call Charlotte at 467-5790.

Hancock County Historical Society

The February luncheon meeting of the Hancock County Historical Society is set for Thursday, Feb. 19 at the Kate Lobrano House, 108 Cue Street, Bay St. Louis.

Guest speaker will be Mary Ott Davidson, the sculptor who is creating bronze statues of d'Iberville and Bienville that will be erected in Biloxi and Bay St. Louis, respectively, for the Coast's Tercentenary observance.

For reservations at \$6, call 467-4090 by Feb. 17.

Hancock Vo-Tech student place

Several Hancock County Vo-Tech students recently placed in the district level Vocational Industrial Clubs of America competition at Pearl River Community College.

Winners were: Ryan Bosant, first, cabinet-making; Jeremy Henly, second, automotive; Richie Ladner, first, machine shop; Gabby Mitchell, second, mechanical drafting; and Wesley Parker, first, carpentry.

In addition to the above students, Josh Lee will compete in sheetmetal, and Ryan Foret will compete in small engine re-

USMGC offers sign language course

The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast will offer a six-week "Introduction to American Sign Language" course March through April in Long Beach.

The course will be held from 6-8 p.m. on six Tuesdays, March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9 and 16 at the Gulf Park campus in Long Beach.

Cost is \$100. Financial aid is available.

The instructor is Dr. Rodney Woods, director of the deaf-blind center.

Gulf Coast Stamp Club

The Gulf Coast Stamp Club will meet the first Saturday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Water Street in Biloxi (south of the main post office). Call 863-7770 or 435-1638.

Harrison County Gem-Mineral Society

The Harrison County Gem-Mineral Society will meet the second Thursday of each month at 8:30 p.m. at the Herbert Wilson Recreation Center on Hancock Avenue in Gulfport.

A workshop will be held the following Saturday starting at 9 a.m. Call 863-7770 or 863-6312.

Biloxi Mayor's Awareness Committee for Citizens with Disabilities

The Biloxi Mayor's Committee will meet the second Monday of each month at 3:30 p.m. at Old Mississippi Power Building on Washington Loop in Biloxi. All coastal disabled citizens and interested parties are invited. Call 863-7770.

Gulf Coast Stamp Club

The Gulf Coast Stamp Club hosts "Expo 98" Stamp Show at the Airport Holiday Inn, Hwy. 49, Gulfport Feb. 28 and March 1. Thirteen stamp dealers will be available with stamps and stamp supplies for collectors of all levels.

A stamp club sales table will also be featured and available to the public. All items will be reasonably priced.

Gulfport Souvenir Show Covers will also be available at the show for purchase. Cost of each cover is \$1.25.

Show hours are 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28 and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, March 1. Admission and parking are free. Parking is handicapped accessible.

For information, call (228) 863-7770.

American Legion Unit 77 Auxiliary

The monthly meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 77 was Wednesday, Feb. 4 at the American Legion Hall on Coleman Avenue in Waveland.

The membership drive is still on until Feb. 18, and all members were asked to work hard to reach their goal by then. Final details were announced regarding the carnival ball which will be held Feb. 21.

The membership voted to send a card to George Washington Bently, sole surviving founder of the American Legion, on his 100th birthday, Feb. 22.

Members received books of tickets for a money raffle to be drawn at the corned beef and cabbage dinner March 14 at Post 77.

A memorial ceremony was held for Louella Culbreth and Patricia Lanham, and the membership voted to donate money to St. Clare's scholarship fund in their memory.

Any junior member residing in the state of Mississippi who are high school seniors are eligible to go to Girls State June 6-12. Their trip will be paid for by the Unit.

Members were asked to send post cards to Senators Lott and Cochran supporting their position in voting to override the President's veto of the ban on partial-birth abortions.

Hancock County Art Association

The Hancock County Art Association recently held its first meeting of 1998 at the Senior Citizens Center in Bay St. Louis. The association has 31 members as of this date. The first order of business was to hold election of officers.

Elected were Billy Ray, president; Margaret Heitzmann, vice-president; Lorraine Heffron, treasurer; and Lou Wilkerson, secretary.

Wilkerson reported there will be an Art Show and Sale Apr. 2 at the Old Depot in Bay St. Louis from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Some 14 members signed up to participate, and each participant will show four paintings. This is the same day as the Spring Pilgrimage, and the public is invited to view the exhibit.

Plans were also discussed for another exhibit and sale during May. Time and dates have been set for May 6, 4-6 p.m. and May 7 and 8, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

The exhibition will be part of the celebration of Seniors Month. The plans for this show will be finalized at the meeting Feb. 18 at the Senior Citizens Center in Bay St. Louis.

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Celebrating 150 years

Ole Miss plans array of special events

The University of Mississippi opened its doors in 1848 to its first 80 students. The university will open its doors in 1998, inviting alumni, friends, students, faculty and staff to celebrate its 150 years of leadership as Mississippi's first public institution of higher learning.

The Sesquicentennial celebration began in 1994, when Ole Miss held an academic convocation to observe the 150th anniversary of the Mississippi Legislature signing the University's charter. From that time, an array of Sesquicentennial events have been staged and will continue through 1998.

"The University of Mississippi was created by the people of this state, believing that higher education was the key to enhancing the educational, economic and cultural foundations of Mississippi," said Dr. Gloria Kellum, executive director of the Sesquicentennial and professor of communicative disorders.

"The Sesquicentennial continues to present extraordinary opportunities to highlight the legacy of leadership which has come to be a hallmark of the state's flagship university," Kellum said.

"We also have taken this period as a time of review and long-range planning, seeking the resources to expand our margin of excellence and to provide leaders for the 21st century and beyond."

During the Sesquicentennial, the College of Liberal Arts and eight schools have been given a six-month period to host special lectures, conferences and other events.

On the Oxford campus, the School of Pharmacy now is enjoying the Sesquicentennial spotlight, as well as celebrating the 90th anniversary of the school.

The School of Nursing on the Jackson campus also is celebrating its six months in the anniversary spotlight. The remaining two schools will be featured during the last half of 1998.

The four-color magazine "150 Years" has been published to increase the public's awareness of the university's academic programs of excellence and its many successful graduates.

"The Sesquicentennial has been a once-in-a-lifetime chance to get to know the entire spectrum of the university community," said Kellum. "Planning many events in conjunction with City of Oxford and Lafayette County representatives has brought all entities closer together. The wonderful people associated with this university and the incredible depth of caring have truly been inspiring."

One unique 150th anniversary project, which will be unveiled during Oxford's Double Decker Arts Festival April 25, is a Sesquicentennial quilt. The square that symbolizes the quilt's center — which is an appliqued rendition of the Sesquicentennial seal — represent student life and the 11 schools and College of Liberal Arts on the Oxford and the University of Mississippi Medical Center campuses.

Quilters from Mississippi and beyond created squares from traditional quilt patterns that were selected for their names or some other connection with a school or college.

"The quilt will be a treasure, put together by creative, caring people throughout the state and region," Kellum said.

Here are some of the other events being planned for 1998:

• Jan. 1-June 30 — The academic spotlight focuses on the School of Pharmacy on the Oxford campus and the School of Nursing on the Jackson campus.

• March 23-25 — Activities will focus on International Programs, with a reunion

planned for international students who have graduated from Ole Miss.

• April 25 — In addition to the quilt being unveiled at the festival, the idea of a Sesquicentennial pilgrimage featuring four campus buildings and four Oxford buildings is being explored.

• May 9 — The class of 1998 will graduate from Ole Miss in a ceremony designed with a Sesquicentennial emphasis. An outdoor graduation ceremony in the Grove is planned.

• June 20 — Mississippi in the Park will be held in New York's Central Park, with the university participating.

• July-Dec. 31 — The academic spotlight swings to the Graduate School on the Oxford campus and the School of Medicine on the Jackson campus.

• July 4 — The Lafayette County-Oxford-University's Independence Day celebration will include a picnic in the Grove and a fireworks display from the Oxford-University baseball stadium.

• August (date TBA) — A

book written by Dr. David Sansing, professor emeritus of history, on the history of the university will be released with a singing session.

• Nov. 6 — An electronic alumni meeting will connect Ole Miss alumni chapters across the nation to the Oxford campus for a Sesquicentennial message and updates from Chancellor Robert C. Khayat and other university officials.

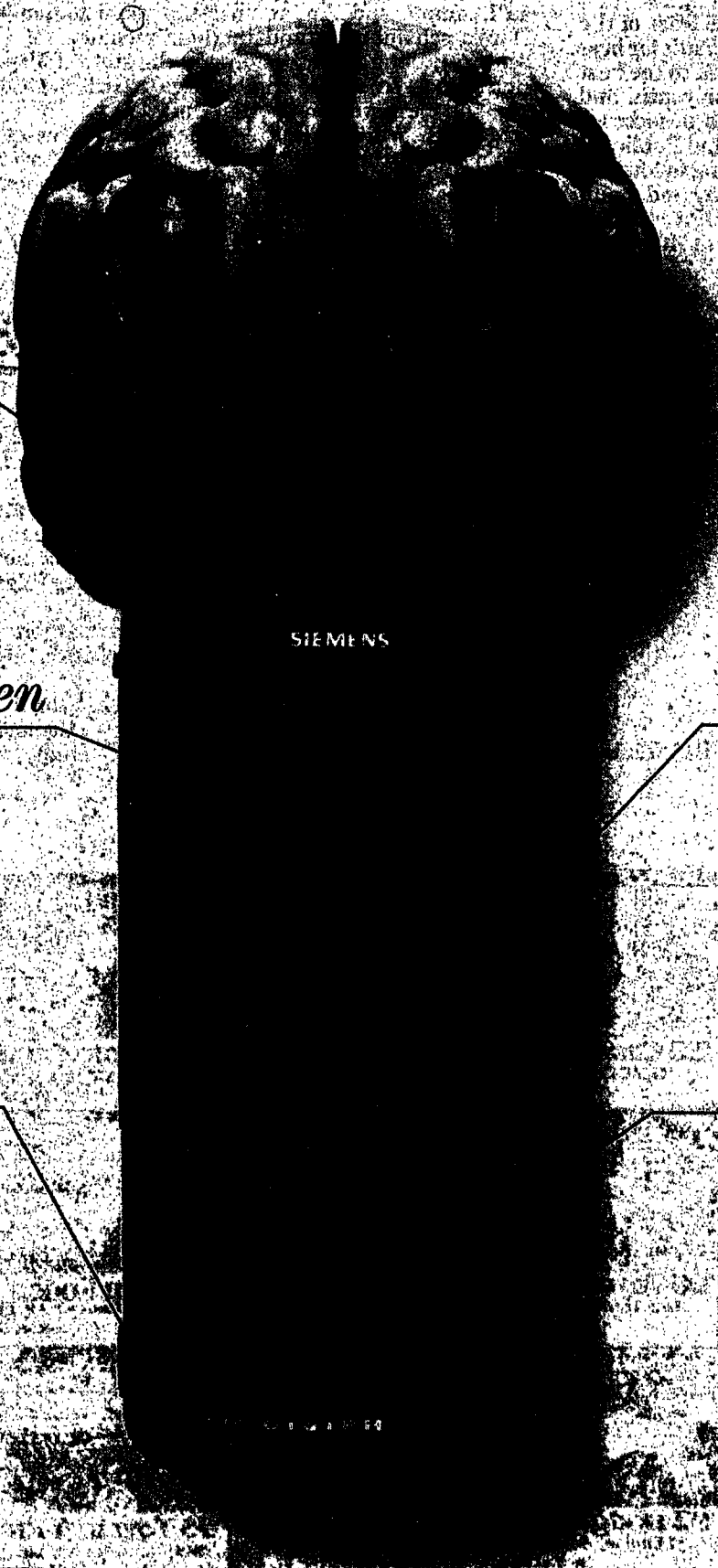
• Nov. 6 — To observe 150 years since those first students came to the Oxford campus, the university will host an academic convocation with special guests.

For more information, call the Sesquicentennial Office at (601) 232-5826.

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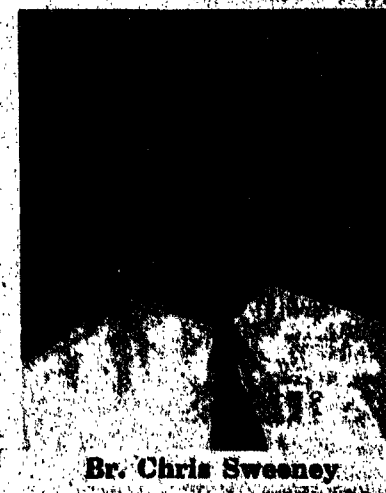
Stanislaus residency appointment

Brother Chris Sweeney, SC, has been appointed to serve as director of residency at St. Stanislaus College Prep in Bay St. Louis effective Aug. 1.

Brother Chris entered the Brothers of the Sacred Heart in 1987 and first taught at Br. Martin High School in New Orleans in 1991. He has spent over two years in the residency program at St. Stanislaus as a prefect.

This summer Brother Chris will work to finish a master's in Catholic school education at the University of San Francisco. He is also a graduate of the University of New Orleans and Catholic High School in Baton Rouge.

Brother Chris will be replacing Brother Lee Barker, SC, who will be moving to McGill-Toolen High School in Mobile, Ala. to take on the responsibilities of director of the Brothers Community.



Br. Chris Sweeney

Adult Literacy Program

The Hancock County Library System, in cooperation with the Adult Literacy Program at the Bay St. Louis and Gulfport Community Centers, 333 West Avenue, Gulfport, provides classes for adults. Classes provided include GED, basic skills, reading one-on-one, reading classes and more. Day classes are Monday through Thursday. Evening classes are Monday and Thursday. To register or for information, call Donna Hutchings at 467-9240.

Alzheimer Support Group

The Bay St. Louis Alzheimer Support Group will meet at the Senior Citizens Center on the first Tuesday of the month at 2 p.m. The group is affiliated with the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association with over 200 chapters nationwide. For details, call Dot at 255-7599.

ACOA and Al-Anon

ACOA and Al-Anon meet at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 5303 Diamondhead Circle, Diamondhead Thursday evenings at 8. For information call 255-9213.

Al-Anon/BSL

Al-Anon, Bay St. Louis chapter, meets Monday, and Friday at 8 p.m. at 300 Third Street, Bay St. Louis.

Al-Anon is designed for families and friends who are affected by someone else's drinking. For information, call 466-5780.

American Cancer Society

Assistance to victims of cancer is available through Hancock and Harrison county chapters of the American Cancer Society.

Necessary items for patients, such as dressings, ostomy and sick-room supplies are available to those in need. Equipment which may be loaned to patients includes wheelchairs and hospital beds.

Assistance is available for transportation to qualifying hospitals. Several rehabilitation programs are offered, including Reach To Recovery, in which volunteers who have had mastectomies assist new breast cancer patients with emotional, physical and psychological rehabilitation.

Battered Women

Free counseling is offered for Hancock County women suffering from emotional or physical abuse. Gwen Beck, outreach coordinator with Gulf Coast Women's Center, is available each Wednesday, 10 a.m.-noon at the Hancock County Youth Court building on Court Street.

All cases are confidential. Call 435-1968 collect for appointment. The Gulf Coast Women's Center, a United Way agency, also offers an advocacy program for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. A 24-hour crisis line is available by calling 1-800-800-1396.

Bay-Waveland Overeaters HOW Group

Bay-Waveland Overeaters HOW group meets every Tuesday, 7-8 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center's meeting room.

The HOW group is a discipline plan of eating, using the 12 steps and 12 traditions for support.

There are no dues or fees. The group is self supporting through their own contributions.

For information, contact Ann at 467-6254.

Blood Pressure

Retired Senior Volunteer Program sponsors free blood pressure testing on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 9-11 a.m. at the American Legion Post 77, on Coleman Avenue in Waveland.

Hancock Medical Center Women's Auxiliary (Pink Ladies) conducts free blood pressure testing at the hospital, 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays.

CASA

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Volunteers are needed to speak up for an abused or neglected child. Be a child's voice. Call 467-7945.

Family Child Center

The Family Child Center for the Hancock County Child Abuse is located at 467-8686.

For information on how you can help prevent child abuse, call 868-8686 or 868-8686.

GED classes

GED classes are being offered at Hancock High School Monday and Tuesday, 8:30-11 a.m., and Monday and Wednesday, 6-9 p.m. For information, call Barbara White at 467-2251.

Hancock County Humane Society

The Hancock County Humane Society operates a flea market in Bay St. Louis at the intersection of Hwy. 90 and Drinkwater. Proceeds help needy animal owners with spay/neuter assistance, emergency pet food and emergency medical help.

The society is in constant need of good, but unwanted, articles of every description to sell at the flea market. Gifts are tax-deductible.

Hours are: Closed Monday, open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

Humane Society meetings are held quarterly on the third Sundays at 3 p.m. at Jolly Rogers Printing, Hwy. 90.

All are welcome. For information, call 467-7686 Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Hancock Co. NAACP

The Hancock County Branch NAACP meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Valena C. Jones United Methodist Church (fellowship hall), Sycamore Street, Bay St. Louis.

Genevieve Gordon, president, 467-6040.

Homework Assistance Program

A Homework Assistance Program is being offered to Hancock County students through the Save Our Children Center at 405 Necaise Street in Bay St. Louis, 3:30-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday. For registration information, call the center at 466-0401.

Hope Haven

Hope Haven meetings are every third Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at 126 Court Street, Youth Court Building, in Bay St. Louis.

Money Management

The Consumer Money Management Center serves the public by providing free financial consultations as well as informational literature and seminars for employers, educational institutions and civic and professional groups.

Information and assistance from the center relates to various aspects of personal money management including budgeting, credit repayment, insurance, and investments.

The service is sponsored by Mississippi State University and Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service. To set up an appointment call Hancock County Extension Office, 467-5456.

Parenting Classes

Free parenting classes will be offered in Hancock County at RSPV (Old City Hall, Bay St. Louis) for nine weeks, covering self-esteem, communications skills, nutrition, household management, discipline, child development and more.

Call Kate Fitzpatrick at Family Child Center for details or reservations, 868-8686.

Parkinson Support Group

The public is invited to all meetings of the Parkinson Support Group, which are held the second Sunday at 2 p.m. at Garden Park Community Hospital in Gulfport. For information, call 863-2929 or 467-0307.

Save Our Children

The Hancock County Task Force of Save Our Children will hold its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. every first Monday of the month at the center, 405 Necaise Street, Bay St. Louis. For details, call Geraldine Lang at 467-9865.

Seizure Disorder Support Group

Those who suffer from a seizure disorder, and need the support of people who know what that means, may join the Kim Berglund Seizure Disorder Support Group. No pressure, no judgment.

The group meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in Classroom Trailer 1 at Memorial Hospital at Gulfport. Call 865-3421 for details.

St. Vincent Thrift Store

St. Clare Conference, Society of St. Vincent de Paul operates a thrift store, City Hall Annex, Coleman Avenue. It is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 until 3, and Saturday, 10 a.m. until noon.

All proceeds benefit the needy regardless of race or religion. An information and referral service is available from 1:30 until 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday. For additional information, call 467-0703.

Senior Citizens Center

Located on the corner of Bookter and St. Frances streets, the center serves Hancock County citizens 60 plus years of age.

Under the Hancock County Human Resources Agency, the center provides classes in art, ceramics, framing, counted cross stitch, crochet, plastic canvas, shirt decorating, quilting and sewing.

There is also information and referral, counseling, entertainment and recreational field trips and health care services. Transportation is provided through a contract with Coast Transit Authority to the center or to the local doctor, grocery store, bill paying, etc.

The center has a contract to provide frozen home delivered meals to 50 homebound seniors each week and serves 20 hot meals at the center four days a week under a statewide food contract with Valley Foods. In addition, a potluck lunch is served on Friday prepared by the staff. A morning snack is provided with donations from local clubs, churches and individuals.

AAA contracts with Lifeline for one full-time homemaker for about

two hours per week for the needy seniors to do light housekeeping or errands for them.

For information, call the center at 467-8888 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Hancock County Alcoholics Anonymous

Group Name Meeting Type

Monday 12:10 p.m. Camel OD
12:10 p.m. D'head CD
5:30 p.m. Camel CD
8:00 p.m. Camel CD

Tuesday 12:10 p.m. Camel OD
5:30 p.m. Camel CD
7:30 p.m. Chip-In CD
8:00 p.m. Camel CD
8:00 p.m. Kiln OD

Wednesday 12:10 p.m. Camel OD
5:30 p.m. Camel CD
8:00 p.m. Mustard Seed OD
8:00 p.m. Coleman CD
8:00 p.m. Coleman (Gay) CD

Thursday 12:10 p.m. Camel OD
5:30 p.m. Camel CD
8:00 p.m. Camel CD
8:00 p.m. Kiln OD

Friday 12:10 p.m. D'head CD
12:10 p.m. Camel OD
5:30 p.m. Camel CD
8:00 p.m. Camel CD
8:00 p.m. Kiln OD

Saturday 12:10 p.m. Camel Group OD
8:00 p.m. Camel Group OD
8:00 p.m. Kiln Group OD

Sunday 11:00 a.m. Camel OD
8:00 p.m. Mustard Seed OD
7:00 p.m. Camel CS

Groups and their meeting locations include Mustard Seed Group, Christ Episcopal Church's Virginia Hall, South Beach Boulevard, Bay St. Louis; Camel Group, The Rebels Club, 309 Third St., Bay St. Louis; Kiln Group, Community Center, Hwy. 43, Kiln.

The Diamondhead Group, Diamondhead Community Center, Coleman Avenue Group (Gay), 307-J Coleman Ave. (upstairs), Waveland; Kiln Group, St. Matthews Church, Hwy. 603; Chip-In Group, St. Stephen's Catholic Church Hall, Delisle.

Alanon and Alanon ACOA meet Thursday, 8 p.m., St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Diamondhead.

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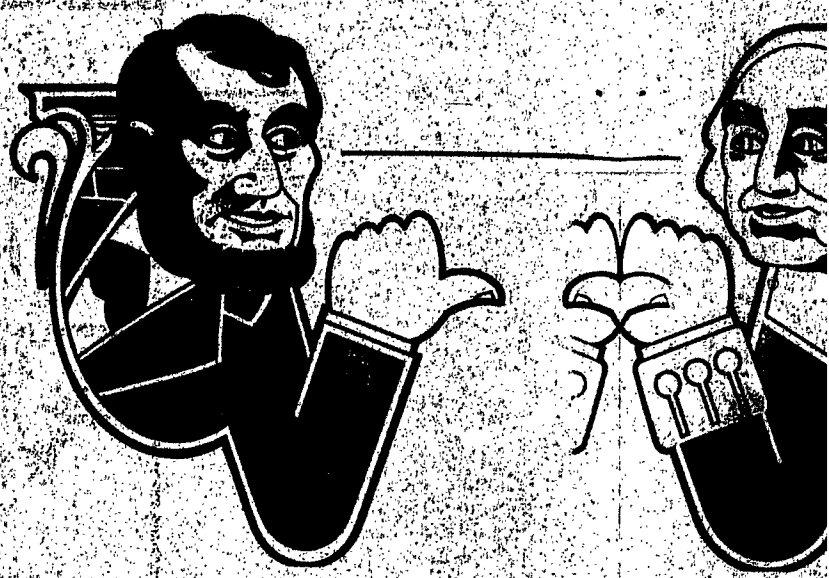
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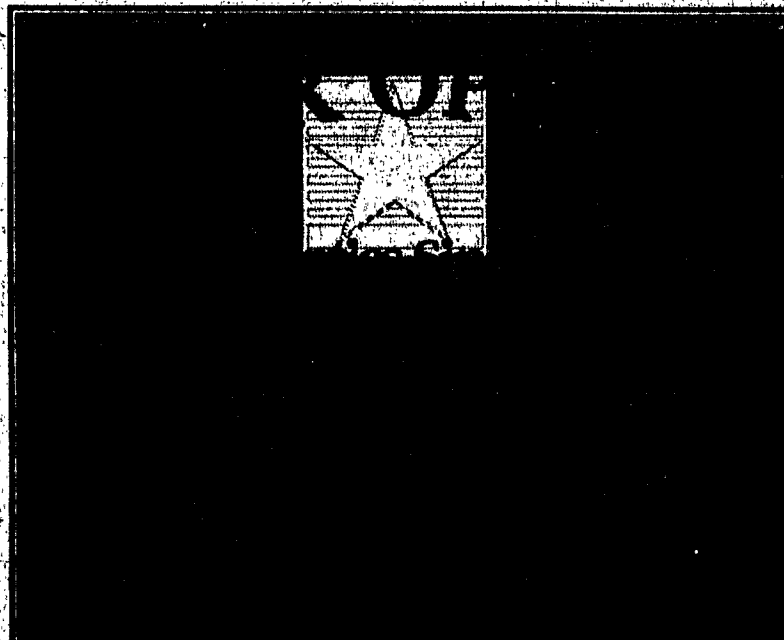
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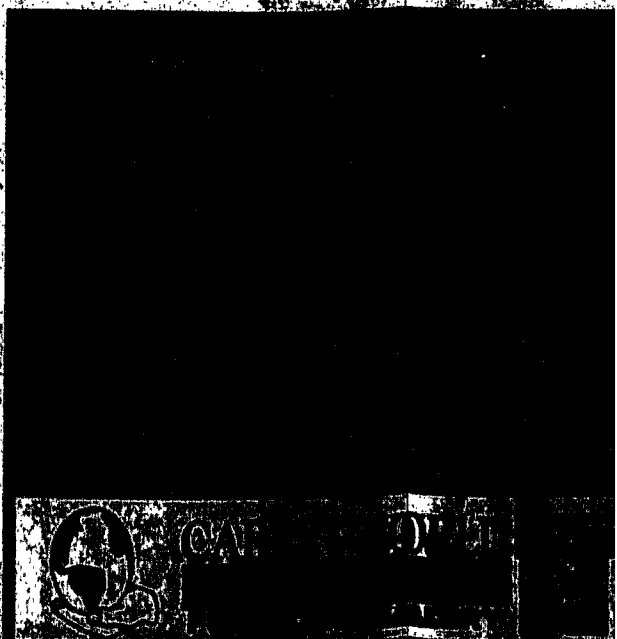


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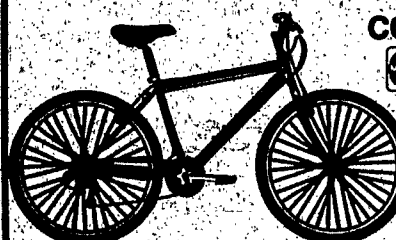
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TRAVEL & ENTERTAINMENT

Museum, House of Blues collaborate on 'Haitian Vodou' exhibition

It's a collaboration that could happen only in the Crescent City and it's a first in the nation: the New Orleans Museum of Art, the city's oldest and largest fine arts institution, and the House of Blues, the city's premier live music and restaurant venue, are joining forces to spread a little Vodou goodwill.

Because music and art intersect in NOMA's upcoming exhibition, *Sacred Arts of Haitian Vodou*, Feb. 1-April 11, the museum joined forces with this French Quarter restaurant and music club in a mutual celebration of the Crescent City's unique cultural connection to the island of Haiti.

Long noted for its corporate collection of self-taught American art, the House of Blues is coincidentally celebrating its link to things Haitian by christening its Voodoo Garden, the first in the company.

"The fact that both the New Orleans Museum of Art and the House of Blues are coincidentally demonstrating their connectedness to Haiti led us to want to support the public programs being designed around the *Sacred Arts of Haitian Vodou* exhibition," said Michael Grozier, general manager of House

of Blues - New Orleans.

The 10-week series of public programming includes performances highlighting the music of Haiti.

Also offered will be a series of films and lectures describing cultural links to the Vodou religion and practices, as well as family workshops and a special family festival day including demonstrations of the musical and visual arts and crafts common to both New Orleans and Haiti.

"Some people may think 'A museum and a music club?'" said NOMA Director E. John Bullard. "But one of the unique and very special things about the New Orleans Museum of Art is the partnerships we form in our community."

The House of Blues, with its interest in the arts and music of Haiti, is helping us expand the programs that offer our visitors

a deeper understanding of the *Sacred Arts of Haitian Vodou*.

The union was blessed at a Nov. 18 House of Blues luncheon featuring drumming, dancing and a Vodou cleansing ritual by New Orleans priestess Ava Kay Jones. The luncheon took place in The Voodoo Garden, a signature outdoor space reminiscent of a French Quarter courtyard but with a distinctive Haitian flavor.

With its brick floor and drapes of Spanish moss, The Voodoo Garden is adorned with vases and other Haitian-influenced art conveying the positive spirit of history, culture, art and music unique to this part of the world.

House of Blues-New Orleans is part of House of Blues Entertainment, which has venues nationwide, including Cambridge, Mass., Los Angeles, Chicago, Myrtle Beach, S.C., and Orlando, Fla. The House of Blues

can be accessed on line at www.houseofblues.com.

The exhibition is on display through Feb. 11, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and closed Mondays and legal holidays. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$4 for seniors 65 and over, and \$3 for children ages 3-17.

Free admission for Louisiana residents is offered courtesy of Whitney National Bank every Thursday, 10 a.m.-noon.

The program may be suspended during special exhibitions.

The museum's permanent collection is noted for its extraordinary strengths in French and American art, photography, glass, African and Japanese works. The collection also includes pre-Columbian, Native American and Asian art.

Also available are light meals and snacks in the Courtyard Cafe, open 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The Museum Shop offers a great selection of gift items, books, jewelry and other collectibles.

For information call (504) 488-2631; the information hotline: FYI (394)-1515, menu 6662; or check NOMA's web site at 222.noma.org.

Russian ballet company to perform at Coliseum

The Bolshoi Ballet, long recognized as the world's premiere ballet company, is coming to the

Mississippi Gulf Coast Tuesday, March 31 for one special performance at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum.

The performance of the highly touted Russian ballet company was announced by coliseum executive director Bill Holmes.

"This is a thrilling opportunity for us here at the coliseum to be able to offer such a prestigious international production to Coast audiences," said Holmes.

The performance, "The Bolshoi Classical Collection from Russia with Love," will include a mixed repertoire of classical works, including *The Don Quixote Suite*, *La Bayadere* (second act) and a generous offering of highlights. These will be the "bravura" pieces lifted from some of the world's great ballets.

The company will include some 40 or 50 dancers, musicians and technicians from the current edition of the Bolshoi Ballet direct from Moscow. The tour originates from the Bolshoi Theater, one of the most celebrated musical theaters in the world, alongside the Paris Grand Opera and La Scala in Milan, which in September, opened its 222nd season.

TRAVEL NOTES



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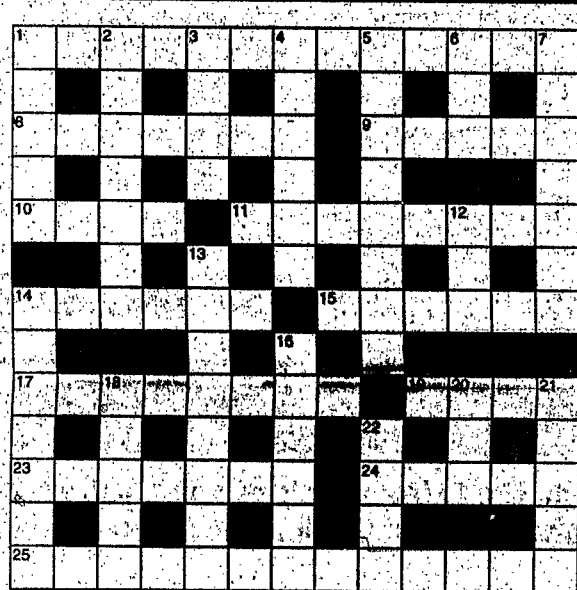
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TRAVEL NOTES



CLUES ACROSS

1. All politicians do this
8. Alters
9. Type of energy
10. Expired
11. Deficiency disease
14. Transferred property
15. Riffraff
17. Creative persons
19. Imitates
23. Taking
24. Twyla _____ U.S. dancer
25. Exclusive group

CLUES DOWN

1. Tartan
2. Send forth
3. Tai
4. Chopped up
5. Special event
6. Soft-finned fish
7. Listening
12. Have
13. Lepton
14. Placido _____ Opera singer
16. Child's toy
18. Receded
20. Round globular seed
21. River territory, New Guinea
22. Quantitative fact

SOLUTIONS ACROSS

1. Press the flesh
8. Awakens
9. Solar
10. Dead
11. Beriberi
14. Deeded
15. Ragtag
17. Maestros
19. Apes
23. Nabbing
24. Sharp
25. Old boy network

SOLUTIONS DOWN

1. Plaid
2. Emanate
3. Sack
4. Hashed
5. Festival
6. Eel
7. Harking
12. Eat
13. Neutrino
14. Domingo
16. Popgun
18. Ebbid
20. Pea
21. Sepik
22. Stat

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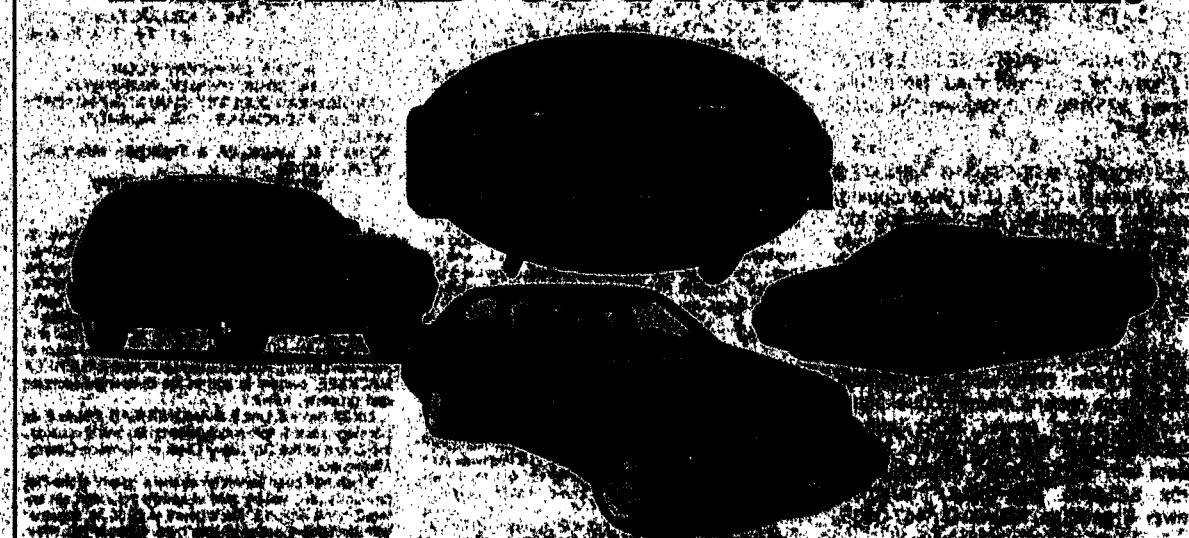
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